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NON-SUPPRESSIBLE

"THE UFO Phenomenon is international in its nature, and its study should be international too!"

That view is expressed by Russian group organiser and investigator Nikita Schnee (see elsewhere in this issue of FSR) and it is obviously a view echoed by thousands of others in that enormous country. Indeed it would seem that great steps are being made in the investigation of the phenomenon in Russia in face of enormous difficulties. This is not unexpected, for we in the West have encountered difficulties — albeit not so severe — in the form of cover-ups, harassments and ridicule. These have been conducted in a more subtle way and, outwardly, less ferociously — but never let us forget the harrowing example of Dr James E. McDonald.

We cannot recall reports here of meetings being broken up by the police, or by secret service agents, as was the meeting of BPVTS section of the A.S. Popov Society, which section was thereafter forbidden to operate by the City of Moscow Committee of the Communist Party of the USSR. Furthermore we have no knowledge of UFO research publications in the West having been forced by the authorities to close down. And if, once upon a time, we were uncomfortably aware of the ridicule, and the deliberate attempts by Establishment figures to impugn the intergrity of our scientific supporters, then to boost our spirits nowadays we need only to turn to the fine example of the French researchers, and the French Minister of Defence who in 1974 publicly affirmed the existence of the phenomenon. Again, as stressed by the late Waveney Girvan, former Editor of FSR, we possess another potent weapon of self-defence, namely that of turning ridicule against those who would ridicule us. So it is with delight, therefore, that we see that our Russion colleagues are capable of doing just that. Again we are glad to see that they too are heartened by the example of the French.

There was a time when the criticism was levelled at ufologists here in the West that our claims about UFOs were negated by the fact that there were no similar reports from Russia. And, boosted by the negative conclusions of, for example, Dr E. U. Condon, the Soviet press thundered that UFOs were but figments of the imaginations of effete capitalist warmongers — or words to that effect. Now things will never quite be the same, for we know that the Soviets are afflicted with just as many enigmatic UFO visitations, landings, close encounters and CE4s as the rest of the world. For this knowledge we are indebted first, to our old friends Tikhonov and Fomin; secondly to F. Y. Zigel' — what a pity there appears here to have been a "personality clash" — and thirdly to the courageous stands being taken by V. G. Azhazha, N. A. Schnee and V. I. Sanarov (a most prolific writer of cards!).

The subject of ufology is shown to be truly "non-suppressible," and the Russian group, aware of the need of specialists from all fields of knowledge, is gaining new members all the time. We wish them well in the task they have set themselves, and assure them that their results and reports will always be welcome in this international journal.

THE CHICKEN POACHERS ON PUERTO RICO

Jorge J. Martín

SOME of the events described below occurred at 3.30 a.m. on March 3, 1980, in the patio of a house in Buen Consejo, a suburb of the town of Río Piedras on the Island of Puerto Rico, while the others took place at the same time in the nearby district of Sabana Llan. Altogether four eyewitnesses were involved, two at each place.

Our contributor is a member of the CIFONI UFO Investigation Group of Puerto Rico. We are indebted to Sr. Pere Redón, Editor of the Spanish journal *Stendek*, for permission to reprint this article from Vol. 12, No. 42 (December 1980) of that journal. Translation by Gordon Creighton who advises us that the original title "Encounter at Buen Consejo" (in English: 'Good Counsel") involves a pun which is not easily conveyed, so we have changed it.

EDITOR

The Events at Buen Consejo

A sixteen-year-old girl, Vivian Cruz Rodríguez, and her twelve-year-old brother, José Celso Cruz Rodríguez, were asleep in their home at No. 148 Interior, Calle Canales, in Buen Consejo, when Vivian was suddenly awakened by the sound of some zinc sheets being moved in the patio and by the frantic barking of the household's two small dogs (chihuahuas).[1*] Getting up and going to the window to see what was causing this disturbance, Vivian beheld five figures moving about in the patio, and from their appearance it was at once evident to the girl that these were no ordinary thieves as she had at first expected. For, although they were human-like, these beings were not normal in several respects, and their behaviour in the patio indicated that something weird was afoot. She at once aroused her brother José Celso, and with him she continued to watch as the strange beings moved about in the patio as though seeking something, and seemingly displaying most particular interest in a number of pens containing chickens.

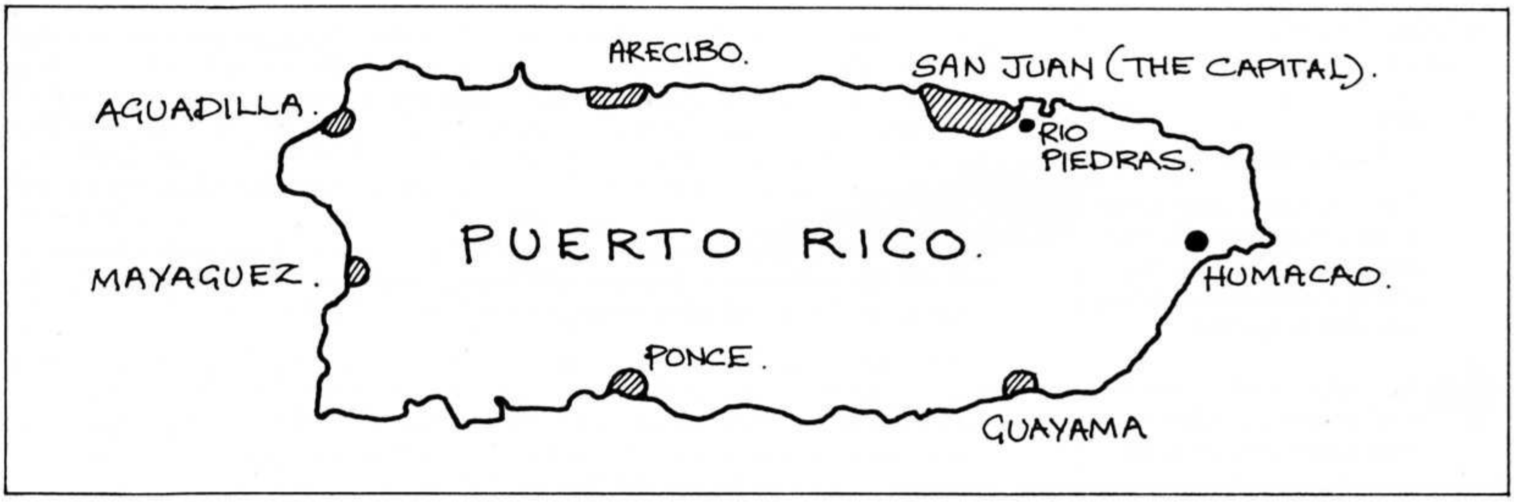
Description of the Entities

According to Vivian and José Celso, the entities "were strange" — resembling humans, "but different." Two of the five beings were taller — about five feet in height — while the other three were only about three feet.[2] The taller two were slim and well-shaped, more like us. They were wearing close-fitting overall garments ("diving-suit" type) of a dark brown hue, leaving only the faces, ears, and hands free. The ears were large and pointed, and the colour of the faces, ears, and hands seemed to be grey. The hands were particularly large, with what looked like membranes between the fingers, like the webbing of ducks' feet.

The smaller creatures, only about three feet high, looked more "ordinary" as regards the body shape, and had somewhat broader chests. The arms of the taller beings were long, and so were the arms of these small ones, but in the smaller creatures the arms were rather "pendant" and more "forward-hanging," which made the smaller ones look as though they were hunchbacked, though in fact they were not. The bodies of the smaller beings were covered with a sort of scaly-looking material full of small dark brown protuberances (described by the eyewitness as "rather like *acne*") over the whole of the body except for hands and faces. Like the larger beings, the three smaller ones had big pointed ears.

As Vivian continued with her statement: "We got a good view of the face of one of the little ones when he seemed to perceive that we were watching them, and he

* The superior figures throughout refer to the Notes and Comments by Gordon Creighton which follow this article.



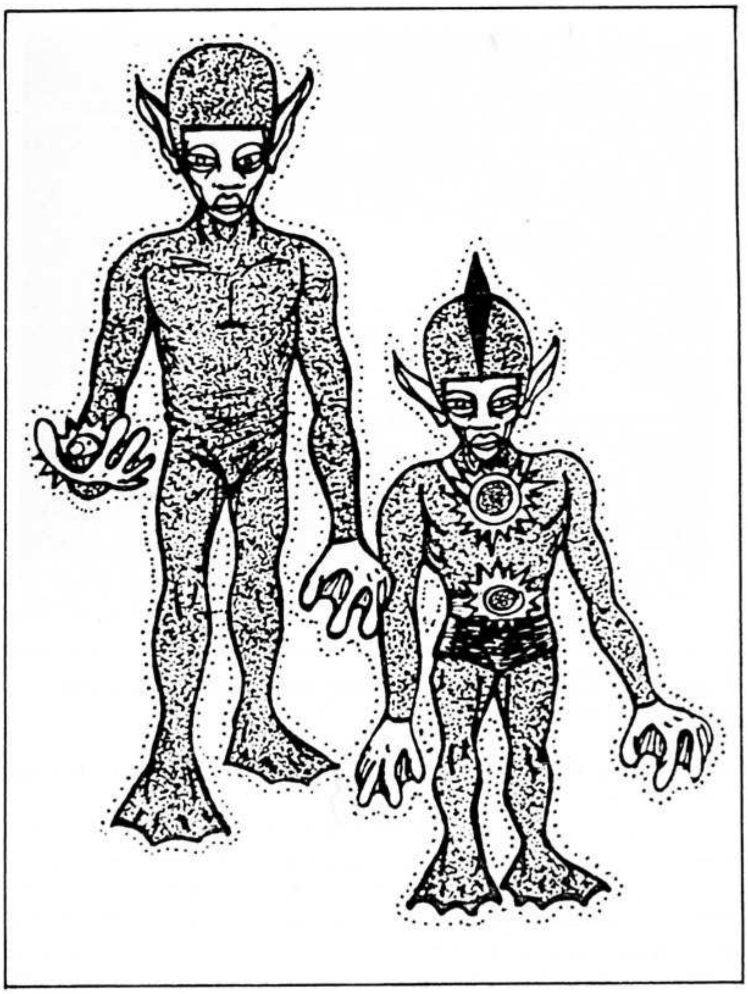


Figure 2: Stendek artist's impression of the two kinds of entity.

looked straight at us. His face was grey and elongated, with pointed chin. His head was pear-shaped, with big eyes and big eyelids, and his eyes were shining as a dog's eyes do in the dark. As regards the nose and mouth, I didn't get a good idea of them, as my attention was taken up so much by his shining eyes. He was wearing a helmet, as all of them were, and in his case the helmet had a sort of centre crest on the top of it.

"The hands of all five were identical, and so were their feet — all looking like ducks' feet.

"None of the five beings was walking. They seemed to move around by little jumps, as though floating over the ground."

Vivian and her brother both said that they thought the two taller, slimmer, beings seemed to exercise control or command over the three little ones.

José Celso agreed on all details with the account given to us by his sister Vivian, although actually he did not watch the beings for so long as she, as he felt himself *overcome by a sensation of great tiredness or sleepiness,*[3] so that he had to go back to his bed and off to sleep again.

José Celso's own further comments on the beings were as follows:—

"They certainly seemed to be looking for something out there in the patio, and they were moving the zinc sheets about. They seemed to be very interested in the chickens too, for most of the time they kept shaking the pens and at times they peered closely and fixedly at the chickens. It was something to do with the chickens, that's for sure!

"One thing that surprised me very much was that though the dogs had been doing a lot of barking, neither the hens, nor a goat[4] that was there in the patio, near the fowl pens, seemed to be in the slightest bit affected by what was going on. They were all calm and quiet, even though the beings kept touching and shaking the pens. After a while even the two little dogs became sleepy too, even though the beings were still out there, and the dogs came back on to my bed and went to sleep again and did not take any further notice.[5]

"One of the two taller beings, who seemed to be the leader, had a silvery metal ball in the palm of his right hand.[6] At one point he bent down and picked up an old car-mirror that was lying on the ground there near the fowl-pens, and he spent a few minutes examining it. I can't think why — maybe he was attracted to it by its power to reflect, or maybe because it was made of nickel. Afterwards he put it back again on the ground.

"One strange thing is that, just beside the car-mirror, there was a metal sheet that our neighbour Dona Ana used for blocking up a hole in the chicken-pen, and next day, when we went out to examine the spot, we found the silhouette of a hand outlined on the metal sheet. The hand hadn't been there before, and the strange fingers shown on the metal sheet are the same as we saw on the beings. And another thing is this: we found that metal sheet was so hot that we were obliged to wait till one o'clock in the afternoon before we could examine it well.

"And when we went to look at the spots where the beings had been standing in the patio, we saw what looked like damp patches made by some strange liquid, which took a long time to evaporate or dry."

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Vivian then took up the story again: "We had been watching the beings for about half an hour when suddenly we heard the noise of a car and saw its lights approaching. This seemed to alarm the beings, and they departed in the direction of the Avenida 65 de Infantería."

When we asked Vivian why she had not awakened her parents when she saw what was going on, she explained that their house is divided into two separate sections, and that the only way in which she could have got to her parents and let them know would have been by crossing the patio, which was precisely where the beings were. She went on to say that another reason why she had not called out to her parents was that she had been immensely fascinated by what she was observing, and that she feared the beings might depart if disturbed.

She even said she had felt a great desire to go out to the beings, but that she had refrained from doing so out of a sense of prudence, although her own intuition was telling here that the beings would not harm her.[!][7]

As for the parents, Sr. Celso Cruz de Rodríguez and his wife Ramonita, they both assure us that they fully accept the account given by Vivian and José. Indeed they also told us that they had both been so irritated by the persistent barking of the two dogs that they had attempted to get up and go and see what was happening, but felt themselves so overcome by a sensation of growing drowsiness that they were totally unable to get out of bed. (Just as their son José Celso and the two dogs were all overcome by drowsiness too.)

The second event: Account given by Senor Luciano Rivera

The other witnesses were Sr. Luciano Rivera, aged 47, living at No. 433, Calle 21, in the Hill Brothers Precinct at Sabana Llan (also a suburb of the town of Río Piedras), and a friend who was with him.

We interviewed Sr. Rivera, but did not manage to see the friend. At this point we should explain that Sr. Rivera is a mute. Although unable to speak to us, he made great efforts to convey to us as exact an account as possible of all that he and his companion had observed, and we are particularly obliged in this connection to the young man José (Timba) Rodríguez,[8] who served as the interpreter when we were interviewing Sr. Luciano Rivera.

Sr. Rivera's story is as follows:—

"On the night in question, I was in my car with my friend (who is also a mute). We had had one or two drinks, but we were of course by no means intoxicated. However, we were both quite tired, and it was late. So we had pulled up, and parked the car, planning to rest for a while. We had switched off our lights and my friend had already dozed off.

"After a while, I opened my eyes, and saw something about 12 metres from us. It was shaped like a flying saucer and was lit up. It had three metallic supports, on which it was standing. It had a big metallic cupola, with a number of windows emitting a deep orange-coloured light. The cupola was silver-coloured, like aluminium. From the top of the cupola an antenna projected, shooting beams of white light in various directions.

"The projecting central part of the craft, below the cupola, was of pale yellow colour and seemed to be lit up, but was not dazzling. Beneath it there was a smaller section that looked like a minor cupola, but inverted. There was an opening in this cupola, from which a small metallic ladder ran down to the ground.

"When I saw that, I woke my friend up. When he saw it, he got very scared. Then, when we saw the antenna on top of the craft beginning to descend into it, I decided it was high time for us to leave. Then, when I started up the car and switched on the lights, we saw five strange figures moving slowly on the slope of the nearby piece of property.

"When these five figures reached the edge of the property, they floated[9], almost at ground-level, to the path and then over a chain-link fence. After which, arriving at the craft, they entered it by the little ladder underneath. (The distance from the edge of the property to where the UFO was standing is about twelve metres.) Then the UFO drew in its legs or supports and, rising silently with an up-and-down movement (seen elsewhere in other cases and known to Ufologists as the pendulum movement, — AUTHOR) and with the central portion rotating, it went off like a shot at an ascendant angle of 45° towards the East (towards Luquillo).

Luciano Rivera continued:

"What scared me most was that 'antenna' shooting out rays of light. How can anybody be sure that he isn't going to be destroyed by a beam like that? When I saw that antenna, as well as the legs being drawn in, my one thought was to get out of there and not to stop to know anything more."

According to Luciano River's account, the craft or

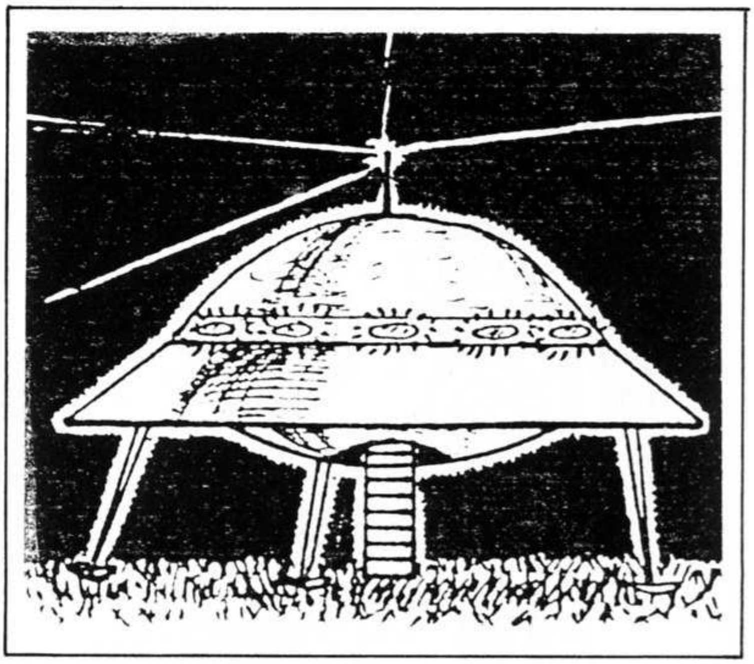

Figure 3: Stendek sketch of the object, based on witness's description.

saucer was about 25 ft. in diameter and stood about 10 ft. high.

As regards Luciano River's description of the beings, it must be emphasised that the number of the beings, and all his details about them and about their behaviour, is in full agreement with what Vivian and José Celso Cruz Rodríguez saw, the only exception being that Rivera saw some circular metallic medallions[10] which the smaller of the beings were wearing on their belts and on collars hanging on their breasts, which medallions appeared to be emitting small flashes of blue and red light.

A further detail that Rivera gave was that he could see that the entities appeared to possess large nostrils, and also that their lips were thick.

He laid stress on the fact that one of the tall beings appeared to be a female, as he was able to see certain physical details suggesting this.

Further interesting details

(1) A highly interesting detail is the fact that one of the tall beings was carrying a shining metallic sphere in his right hand. He carried it the whole time, never altering the position of his arm, and never changing the sphere to the other hand.[11] This is in full agreement with similar cases in other countries where beings from UFOs have been seen, although in the majority of such cases the beings seen have been very similar to ourselves — which point is not at all in concordance with the Puerto Rican case with which we are dealing here.

(2) Both the tall beings and the small ones had on their bodies or on their clothing certain additional fittings which either emitted light or reflected it. (The tall ones had luminous points on their backs and the little ones had things resembling medallions on their breasts and on their belts).

Sr. Rivera is emphatic that at one point he saw one of the leaders "say something" into a device which he took

from his belt, and that simultaneously with this action, the "medallions" of the smaller beings lit up.[12] (A communications system?)

(3) Vivian Cruz Rodríguez is likewise emphatic that, at a certain moment, to her great surprise, one of the smaller beings seemed to take water from an open receptacle that the next-door neighbour keeps in the patio for his ducks.

(4) After this episode of the entities seen in the patio of the Cruz Rodríguez household, two of their hens were found dead, but neither Vivian nor José or their parents or the neighbours had attributed any importance to this at the time. (We shall discuss this point at length later.)

(5) All the eyewitnesses agree that the two taller beings seemed to control the smaller ones. (Were the latter perhaps some type of biological robot?)[13]

(6) At no time were any sounds or words heard coming from the beings. All that could be observed were various gestures, coming principally from the leaders, and responded to by the smaller beings.

(7) The movements of all the beings were very slow. "Like in a slow-motion film," as Vivian put it.

Concluding commentary

Summing up then, we see that there are two groups of witnesses, each consisting of two persons, making four persons in all, and all four of whom observed certain strange beings with humanoid features, more or less around the same time, without of course either of these groups knowing that the other group was observing the same phenomenon as themselves. There was no communication between the two groups of witnesses until late on the same day, Monday, March 3, 1980, when some of the neighbours told Vivian and José Cruz Rodríguez that Sr. Luciano Rivera had called in at about 8.00 a.m. and had told them what he had seen in the earlier hours of the night (i.e. around 3.30 a.m.). He asked the neighbours for their permission to go to the spot on their property where the beings were when he had first caught sight of them. When he made this request, the neighbours at once realised that he had evidently seen the same phenomenon as had been observed by the two younger members of the Cruz Rodríguez family. (When we conducted our investigation of the case, at 3.30 p.m. on Friday, March 7, and we interviewed Vivian and José, neither of these two had yet talked to Sr. Luciano Rivera.)

What is very striking is that I interviewed all four eyewitnesses separately, and all four were in complete agreement about what they had seen — except of course for the craft itself, which the Cruz Rodríguez youngsters never saw at all.

While we were making our enquiries, the neighbours expressed most favourable opinions about Vivian and her brother José, and also about their parents, who are held in high regard as serious and respectable people. The neighbours likewise emphasised that Vivian is known to be a serious and excellent student, and in no way given to fantasy. (A fact which we too could see for ourselves.)

One detail that struck us was that José and his parents spoke of having experienced a sensation of a sort of weakness or drowsiness. José even went so far as to say that he felt his legs "had gone to sleep" or "were heavy." (This impressed us, because in many of the UFO reports the same thing has been noted — both in witnesses and in animals, so that this feature would appear to be something that is a very essential part of the UFO phenomenon, and is, maybe, induced deliberately by entities, either in order to prevent interference, or as a security measure.)[15]

The fact that the episode should have occurred right in the area of the Capital itself marks an important stage in the whole history of the UFO phenomenon on the Island of Puerto Rico, because, although on other occasions, beings or craft have been seen, never before had so many beings been seen in direct association with an actual UFO, and even less has there ever been such a case in such a thickly populated area close by a principal highway, although of course the late hour (3.00 — 3.30 a.m.) could have had a lot to do with this.

Bearing in mind the area in which it took place, we cannot but be surprised that, so far, there is no knowledge of any other witnesses of this case. However, we do know that, at a late hour that same night, a UFO was seen over the Plaza Carolina Commercial Centre, which lies in the same direction towards which Sr. Luciano Rivera and his companion saw the UFO departing from the Buen Consejo area.

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As regards the behaviour of the entities, I can only think that their motive was to be seen.[16] But why *there?* Or, was their principal interest maybe in the *hens?*

It should be mentioned that during the year 1975 a series of weird events occurred on Puerto Rico, predominant among them being the phenomeonon of the so-called *"Moca Vampire"*[17] — thus called owing to the fact that the bodies of the victims (animals such as cattle, fowls, goats, etc.) presented strange circular wounds through which certain organs or the entire blood had been extracted, the cause of such happenings never being discovered.[18]

Our investigation group (CEOVNI) subsequently made a study of all the facts and came to the conclusion that there was seemingly a connection between these strange happenings and the UFOs.

In recent weeks we have seen a recurrence of such happenings in the Puerto Rican towns of Cidra and Cayey. In one of these cases 18 hens were found totally drained of their blood, which had apparently been removed through a strange orifice located on the spine, while all the feathers and the skin remained in a completely normal condition — a fact that rules out any possibility of the killings being the work of any ordinary animal. Moreover the case resembles in every respect the previous events of 1975.

Consequently, in view of the great interest which these beings seen at Rio Piedras seemed to be taking in the hens and the goat, is it not now feasible to ask ourselves whether these entities are not in fact the *"Moca Vampires"*?[18]

Our investigations into this aspect of the matter are still going on, and I want to emphasise that the metal sheet supposedly bearing the silhouette of a hand of one of the entities is now in our possession, thanks to Senora Ana Delgado, the owner of the metal sheet (who assures us that there was previously no such silhouette of a hand upon the said metal sheet. This sheet is to be subjected to laboratory analysis, and, if anything interesting turns up in the results of the analysis, we shall report upon it.

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NOTES & COMMENTS ON THE PUERTO RICO CHICKEN POACHERS

With some observations on American, British, and other cases of animal mutilations.

Gordon Creighton

1. These dogs, as we must explain at the outset, were *inside* the house, in one of the bedrooms (José Celso's room).
2. The literature of our subject does not contain very many cases in which different-sized beings have allegedly been seen in association, but I recall at least three or four such cases.
3. This "drowsiness" or "tiredness" is a very important feature of the techniques of at least certain species of UFO creature, though possibly not of all of them. The most striking and famous case that comes to mind is of course that at Trancas in Argentina. This has received very thorough treatment. See Case 34 of "The Humanoids in Latin America" (in *The Humanoids*). See also: FSR Vol. 17, No. 3 (May/June 1971).
   Another interesting case in which this technique was used will be found in "Tranquilizing Visitation at Bouahmama" (FSR Vol. 19, No. 3). There is no way of knowing to what extent this weapon is employed against our species, and it may well be that it is the very reason why most of us, so far, "do not think we have ever had any UFO experiences."
4. Although we are not told so specifically in the present report, the goat must surely also have been safe inside one of the pens. Otherwise there might no doubt have been a bloodless goat's corpse there next day.
5. Note again the similarity with the Trancas case.
6. For the "metal ball", see Dr. Oscar A. Galíndez's "Anthromorphic Entity at Villa Carlos Paz." (FSR Vol. 26, Nos. 5 & 6). [and this issue — ED.] Note however that the altogether "nobler" looking entity at Villa Carlos Paz held the ball steadily in his *left* hand, and not, as here, in the right.
7. That the young lady had no feelings of fear at the sight of these beings shows clearly that she too "was under an influence" from them! But it was evidently not the same influence! The entities were anxious to keep everybody else — parents, son, dogs, goat, and chickens — in a nice cosy state of drowsiness. *But the girl was under an influence to go out to the entities.* We may assume that, had she done so, her family would not have seen her again. Alternatively, if abduction was not under consideration, there is the not so pleasant thought that, besides collecting animals' and hens' blood, they might have been interested in human blood too.
8. It seems clear from the text that this José Rodriguez (nicknamed Timbá) is *not* the same person as José Celso Cruz Rodríguez.
9. "Floating" is a common ingredient in contactees' reports.
10. "Medallions" on the chests of entities have been reported in a number of South American cases.
11. In the Villa Carlos Paz case the entity also held the ball the whole time in one hand (the left) never changing it to the other hand.
12. Illumination of "medallions" or flashes of light from them have also been reported in other South American cases.

13. The possibility of "bio-robots" has long been under discussion among Ufologists, and is of particular interest in view of Leonard Stringfield's recent revelations about the creatures said to be kept in pickle by the Americans at Wright-Patterson A.F.Base. (See FSR, Vol. 25, Nos. 4,5,6).
14. Eyewitnesses have spoken quite frequently of the slow gait of beings they have encountered.
15. I fail to see the difference between wishing to prevent interference and wishing to ensure security.
16. Sr. Jorge J. Martín, author of this article, says he and his CIFONI Investigation Group have already made a thorough enquiry into the animal mutilations on Puerto Rico, and that they found it had a UFO connection. I am most surprised, therefore, that he should adduce, as the *first* possible reason for the presence of the entities in the patio among the fowls and the goat, the possibility that they could have been wanting to be *seen*! Surely that was the last thing they wanted. That is why everybody else in the house (but the girl), and all the birds and animals, were lulled into a state of drowsiness.

17 and 18. It is not surprising if there is a massive cover-up in every country, and most particularly in the USA, about the fearful plague of animal mutilations.

For in the single year 1975, some American investigations calculate that about 1800 cattle were mutilated and killed in the USA alone. This figure would mean that 108,000 pints — or over 50 tons — of animal blood are missing. The American authorities would have us believe that all this is simply the work of coyotes or of a few covens of crazy dabblers in the modern fad of Black Magic.

The truth, as Sr. Jorge Martín says, is that *we do know* what is responsible for all these animal mutilations in the USA, Canada, Britain, Puerto Rico, and elsewhere. We *do know* that UFOs are involved, and we *do know* at least what some of the entities look like. We have not only this article by Sr. Jorge Martín, but we have at least two reports, with sketches, that appeared in FSR long ago and that gave clear indications as to the beings responsible. As I have already pointed out, we have this evidence in two reports in FSR. These are: Dr. Oscar A. Galíndez's *"Violent Humanoid Encountered in Bolivia"* (FSR Vol. 16, No. 4) and "A 'Flying' Humanoid in Puerto Rico" by Sebastián Robiou Lamarche (FSR Vol. 23, No. 6). This last-named article contained a sketch made by the eyewitness in the town of Quebradillas, Island of Puerto Rico, in July 1977, when he had a close view of one of the creatures at a distance only a few feet from him as he sat on a balcony. His sketch shows the creature (estimated height about 3½ ft.) as seen from the rear, *and the sketch clearly shows the pointed ears.*

The other humanoid cattle-mutilating creature, seen in Bolivia in 1968 was about the same height, and the two sketches show many details that are similar. (The ears are not visible in the Bolivian sketch, which shows them as covered up, so it is not possible to say definitely whether they were pointed too.)

As regards FSR's very full coverage of the animal mutilation scene on Puerto Richo, we have also had the undermentioned reports from our correspondent there, Sr. Sebastián Robiou Lamarche:—

"UFOs and Mysterious Deaths of Animals" in FSR Vol. 22 Nos. 5 & 6.

"More mysterious deaths of Animals" in FSR Vol. 25, No. 3

While I have here laid stress upon a certain species of small humanoid entity as being directly involved in animal mutilation, it should not be thought that I do not think that these creatures have any sorts of other "animals" that help them or accompany them. Careful study of all the available literature will show that on numerous occasions strange dog-like or wolf-like animals have been seen, which assuredly do not originate from "here." And in many of the cases in the USA, witnesses have reported seeing shambling shaggy creatures of the "Sasquatch" or "Bigfoot" type.

Here in Britain, only two or three months ago, we seem to have had a nasty case of animal-mutilation on a farm in Wales. After an initial burst of publicity about the affair in newspapers and on TV, in the course of which we learnt that the culprit was one of Britain's "pumas," a blanket of silence suddenly descended on the case. A few days later, we learnt that a "puma" was active in Scotland and had been killing animals there. Shortly after that, the "puma responsible for it all" was captured in Scotland and displayed to reporters. Those who saw the caged animal at close quarters soon perceived however that it bore all the hall-marks of a puma that had long been in captivity. Much doubt was expressed as to whether *this* docile creature could have been capable of the terrible injuries inflicted on the animals on the farm in Wales. **And many have voiced the conviction that this tame puma was a "plant" organised by the British authorities, released in Scotland and then "captured," for the benefit of the public, and, hopefully, as an "explanation" of what had happened in Wales.**

Not surprisingly, the British magazine *Penthouse,* which usually gives us rather more interesting things to think about, carried in its issue for January 1981 (Vol. 15, No. 11) an article by David Rorvik entitled "Cattle Mutilations: The Truth at Last."

He writes:—

"Despite the combined efforts of the media, conspiracy freaks, cultists, and UFO fans, U.S. investigators have found the real answer to the greatest non-mystery of our time.

"The culprit is just the humble coyote."

In conclusion, we might note two points. First, this aritcle in *Penthouse* appeared just around the time of the mutilation episode in Wales, of which nothing more has been heard. Secondly there are rumours to the effect that animals are not the only victims, and that humans have now begun to be victims too.

I have no idea whether there is any substance to such rumours, but it would not surprise me in the slightest if it turned out that there is. One has the feeling that Pandora's Box has been well and truly prised open, and that many creatures from the Pit are now among us.

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P.S. Anybody seen any coyotes in Wales yet?

UFOLOGY IN THE USSR

An assessment of the present situation

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"CLOUDY, CHANGEABLE." These two words suffice to sum up the situation of Ufology in the USSR at the beginning of the year 1980. The task which I set myself when I decided to write this article has been an extremely difficult one, and it is entirely possible that before the article reaches the reader the situation may again have undergone a sharp alteration. Nevertheless it is well worth while having a stab at it.

This past year, 1979, has seen, repeatedly, sharp changes in the work of the Soviet Ufologists. To start with, it seems that Ufology, following on Parapsychology, is now beginning to "lose" its status as a "pseudoscience" in the eyes of the more "orthodoxically-minded" members of the USSR Academy of Sciences. Within the last-named body — to be more precise, within the Academy's Institute for the Study of Terrestrial Magnetism and Radioactivity — a group has been created, and is now functioning, which concerns itself with the study of UFOs — although its name for these latter is *anomalous atmospheric phenomena*. But, anyway, the pith of the matter doesn't lie in a *name;* it lies in the attitudes of the investigators themselves towards the problem which they are studying. And, to the most profound disappointment of all honest investigators of the UFO problem, this particular group has adopted the derisory attitude, towards the problem, which has already become habitual among the public at large and is, in essence, nothing but a rather worse version of those former American investigations known under the label of *Blue Book*.

In issue no. 3/1979 of the weekly publication *Nedelya* ("The Week"), Migulin and Platov, the leaders of this Academy of Sciences group, published an article on the UFO phenomenon, and, to tell the truth, I couldn't control my laughter when I read it. Three-quarters of their test was given over to showing that UFOs are unquestionably natural phenomena. A mere total of two little lines mentioned as it were quite casually that ". . . there are a number of phenomena that are resistant to a trivial explanation, including the phenomenon observed by the inhabitants of Petrozavodsk"[1], but all the rest of the article is just a heap of harsh accusations aimed at the "buffs" who interest themselves in the UFO problem and who, by their "inept" investigations and their popularization of the UFO problem are in fact only serving to hinder this group from arriving at an entire explanation of the UFO problem within the next few months. Especially hotly do these "scientists" declaim about the need to put a stop to the widespread dissemination among the public of knowledge about the UFOs, which dissemination, so the group alleges, gives rise to unnecessary sensationalism and to "unhealthy hankypanky."

In my opinion there is no point whatever in criticizing this position which the Academy of Sciences group has assumed. Although under a total ban for almost twelve years past, the UFO problem in the USSR has never at any moment ceased to exist — offensive as this fact may be for certain "orthodox" minds. Indeed, on the contrary, the remarkable sightings of recent times have invested the problem with a fresh sharpness and a fresh quality of reality. Nevertheless, despite all this, the Soviet press (with the exception of a few excellent items in popular journals aimed at the young) has been completely silent on the subject. (I shall have more to say on this later.)

But not everyone — by a long chalk — read the article in *Nedelya* referred to above, at the close of which the two authors urged eyewitnesses of the UFO phenomenon (which according to their own statements *do not exist*) to send the reports of their sightings to the USSR Academy of Sciences.

In the meantime, while all this has been going on, the lectures given by the real specialists on the UFO phenomenon, such as V. G. Azhazha[2], the leader of unofficial Soviet Ufology, are carrying the knowledge of this astonishing phenomenon out into the wide masses of the Soviet public. On such occasions, when lectures are given, the reaction from the public — in the form of questions — surpasses all expectations. First, at each lecture a few new UFO eyewitnesses always come forward who have hitherto kept silent about their sightings simply because they have not known to whom to report them. Secondly, that disinterested fighter for Science and Truth and great specialist on the UFO problem, Vladimir Georgievich Azhazha, in his profoundly scientific lectures, faces up squarely to the wild, unconcealed ostracism emanating from all conceivable quarters among the official organs and also from a certain other quarter — from a former specialist and keen student of the UFO phenomenon, who is today nothing but an agent provocateur. This is F. Y. Zigel', lecturer at the Moscow Institute of Aviation. I shall have more to say about the doings of this "pillar" of Soviet Ufology, but I want to

discus first certain other and more agreeable matters.

The Initiative Group

In the autumn of 1978 another group started work in Moscow. This was the *Initiative Group,* under the direction of V. G. Azhazha and of the author of the present article. In the forefront of the many tasks facing us was that of organizing an official civilian investigation of the UFO phenomenon in the USSR. (At that time there was no group yet inside the USSR Academy of Sciences, and then, after our own group had been set up, the need still remained.) Our task, then, as I have said, has been to get a civilian investigation group going, and organize the selection and investigation of reports of unwanted phenomena throughout our country, the visiting of UFO landing sites, the work of doing all the requisite analyses, and also all aspects of the job of making the UFO problem known to the public.

The A. S. Popov Society's section (BPVTS)

I must mention, straight away, that this plan of operations for our *Initiative Group* has been fully achieved, and that the Group ceased to exist on July 17, 1979. And on that very same day — a day that will unquestionably long remain registered in the memory of all investigators and students of Ufology in the USSR — in the Moscow Headquarters of the A. S. Popov Scientific and Technical Society for Radio, Electronics and Communications (known in its Russian abreviated form by the initials NTORES) a new section was set up. This new Section had the initials BPVTS, standing for *"Blizhniy Poisk Vnezemnykh Tsivilizatsiy s Pomoshch'yu Sredstva Radioelektronika"* (meaning in English "Search for Extraterrestrial Civilizations in the Neighbourhood of the Earth by means of Electronics" — G.C.). V. G. Azhazha was elected to be the President of the Section. The Vice-President was to be L. M. Gindilis, the prominent specialist on UFO matters and on communication with extraterrestrial civilizations. And the Scientific Secretary was myself, Nikita Aleksandrovich Schnee. Further evidence as to our serious intentions to develop a widespread investigation of the UFO phenomenon in the USSR is shown by the Section's membership, which includes, among others, such names as those of Vice-Admiral M. M. Krylov, Chief of Communications in the USSR Navy; E. V. Khrunov, airman and Cosmonaut of the USSR; Y. G. Nazarov, Deputy Head of the Soviet Control Centre for Cosmic Flights, plus a number of other notable scientists and specialists.

BPVIS Section suppressed

One of the first tasks facing our BPVTS Section was the launching and establishing of similar groups in other cities and towns of the USSR. But right at the very outset, with the very first steps that we took, we started to suffer interference from higher authorities. Thus, when we wanted to send out letters to the regional branches of the A. S. Popov Scientific and Technical Society (NTORES), advising them of the creation of our new Section and of the scope of its proposed activities, we were at once forbidden to do so. Neveretheless, V. G. Azhazha and I, at our own risk, did send off such a letter to Tallin, in Estonia, where the local Ufologists at once set to work energetically on creating a Section for the Estonian Republic.

At the beginning of August, 1979, I. P. Goley, Vice-President of the Moscow Headquarters of the A. S. Popov Scientific and Technical Society, requested that an announcement about our new BPVTS Section be inserted in the journal *Radiotekhnika* ("Radio Technology"). The announcement was duly prepared, but it has never yet seen the light of day. For some reason or other it was suppressed.

In mid-November 1979 the Moscow Headquarters of the A. S. Popov Scientific and Technical Society finally assumed a hostile attitude vis-a-vis our Section. As a start, they changed the title of the Section. It was now for *"the Investigation of Anomalous Atmospheric Phenomena."* And then finally, on December 12, 1979, came a shameful farce. The Moscow City Committee (MGK) of the Communist Party of the USSR (KPSS) forbade all operations of the whole Section.

I was present myself at the meeting in the Moscow Headquarters of the A. S. Popov Scientific and Technical Society. The speakers talked such rubbish that they themselves ought surely to have been thoroughly ashamed of it. Though it is possible that those folk don't have any shame. The most active buffoon of them all was a certain Safonov, who had criticized the Scientific and Technical Seminar which the Section held on November 28. The truth of the matter was that this Safonov had not the slighest right whatsoever to speak at the meeting, as he was not even a member. It was characteristic of him that he had also turned up at the Seminar without having been invited. After each speaker had delivered his report, Safonov lumbered up to the platform and "proved" the non-existence of UFOs. At the close of the Seminar, at the request of the audience, he was refused an opportunity to speak, though he tried hard enough to do so.

To return again to the happinings at the Moscow Headquarters of the A. S. Popov Scientific and Technical Society in mid-November 1979. A torrent of untruths was spewed out there by a woman, Lyutsiy Nikolaevna Savinova, who had been invited to be present as the Adviser from the Moscow City Committee of the Communist Party of the USSR, (MGP KPSS). This lady emitted hysterical wails about "mysticism" — and indeed she pretty well went so far as to talk of "anti-Soviet reports delivered at the Seminar" (though as a matter of fact she had not even listened throughout the whole of the first paper). In the USSR the organs of the Communist Party are constantly manipulating all Science and all new lines of knowledge. For them the main objective is not to look at something and evaluate it for its seriousness and its scientific importance, but solely for its "Partyism". The result was of course that, by a majority vote, our Section was disbanded.*

*Mention must be made of the great contribution made by our Section members towards the development of methods for the investigation of UFO landing sites. The programme which we have drafted has been tested successfully in a number of cases and the excellent results obtained have provided useful opportunities for testing entirely new types of apparatus. The instruments that Soviet Ufologists are now using in the study of

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In the meantime, however, the existence of the Section had not passed unnoticed. For, even in so short a time, it had succeeded in organising its work and it had attracted specialists and students of the UFO problem. With the result that today, even though the Section no longer exists, the work of contacting people is continuing, and it is continuing successfully.

The Seminars

One of the most important achievements of the Section was unquestionably the holding of the Third Scientific and Technical Seminar on the Problems of the Search for Extraterresrtrial Civilizations in Surrounding space. Despite all the difficulties and obstacles with which the organizers were confronted (for example, no premises were made available for the Seminar, and they were refused permission to get premises by hiring them), nevertheless this Third Seminar did take place in the Dom Aktera (the Actors' Centre) on November 28, 1979. The small hall was absolutely packed, which shows how much interest there was in the UFO question. Four speakers delivered reports. One report was of a philosophical nature, one was about organization, and the other two were technical. All four speakers were listened to with very great interest by the audience, questions were asked, and interesting suggestions were put forward. These proceedings did not of course take place without the "orthodox" elements making their presence felt. The gentleman named Safonov, already mentioned, climbed on to the platform and gave voice. Another speaker, Professor Petrovich, described the Seminar as a "sectarian rabble and a witches' sabbath." After he had spoken he was pronounced a source of disturbance to the work of the Seminar, and was obliged to quit the hall. But on the whole the Seminar went off in a businesslike fashion and unquestionably the majority of those present were well satisfied with it.

The reader of this account will probably have wondered why the Seminar of November 28, 1979, is described by me as "Seminar No. 3." There is in fact no error. The *three* Seminars (we number them as "Zero", "One", and "Two") were all held by the *Initiative Group,* prior to the establishment of our *Section.* The history of these first three Seminars is quite interesting.

Let us begin, naturally, with the "Zero" Seminar. It got its somewhat unusual designation from the fact that it was impossible to carry the Seminar through to its conclusion. But let us review the events in the sequence in which they occurred:—

The work of preparing and organizing that first Seminar had been done by V. G. Azhazha and myself, in September and October, 1978. We had found premises for it: one of the auditoria of the Humanities Faculty Building of the MGU (Moscow State University). The meeting had been fixed for November 1, 1978, and at 6.00 p.m. we began. But, after a few minutes the interference started up. Some unknown individuals came bursting into the auditorium and set about hampering our work in every possible way. Then, about half an hour later, the Vice-Principal of Moscow State University appeared and told us all to quit the hall as, so he said, it was already booked for someone else and a class was about to be held in it. As proof of this he had brought along with him a number of students whom he had snatched up from another class in another nearby auditorium, and who now stood there, gaping, without a clue as to what it was all about. So, to put it briefly, the work of that, our first Seminar, was successfully disrupted. Whose hands were behind that? One may well ask!

Feliks Yurevich Zigel', in a telephonic conversation with me said, maliciously: "Well, they dispersed you, eh! I fixed that for you!"

Here we see the true face of this "world-famous UFO investigator"! Learning that the Seminar was about to be held, he had done some quick thinking and then 'phoned to the Moscow City Committee of the Soviet Communist Party and to the KGB, and asked them to break up the meeting. Unquestionably these two bodies were delighted to do so.

Despite all this active opposition from well-known quarters, our *Initiative Group* was successful in organizing two more Seminars in the course of 1979. The first (the true No. 1 in our series) was on April 25, 1979. Six reports were read at this meeting, dealing respectively with the following themes:—

a. The UNO resolution on the UFO Problem
b. The philosophical aspect of the UFO Problem
c. UFO Sightings over Moscow
d. Investigations regarding cosmonauts in Antiquity, etc.

Our Seminar No. 2 was on June 1, 1979. About 150 people were present, and four papers were read. These included a report on the incredible events that had occurred at one of the lakes near Leningrad. The Director of the Seminar, V. G. Azhazha, reported on the investigations at the site of a UFO landing and on the contact that took place there between a man and a humanoid. These investigations had been conducted by the field group on the day preceding the Seminar.

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landing sites, are we believe, in all probability without their like in other countries. To judge by the data found in the literature on the subject, it would seem that such investigations in other countries are limited purely to physical measurements and chemical analyses. With us, however, greater attention is paid to the study of the bio-fields left behind in the soil and in the atmosphere by UFOs. We are able to establish the presence of these bio-fields (the nature of which has not yet been elucidated) in virtually all cases where UFOs have landed or have hovered at small distances above the ground. We are also able to detect the bio-fields at places where contacts with humanoids have occurred, one very valuable discovery made by us being that these mysterious fields remain for from seven to nine years. This circumstance possesses a quite particular significance for, as a general rule, the reports of such cases come to us from the eye-witnesses only some years after the event, when the detection of any physical or chemical anomalies is virtually impossible. Among our instruments, a special place is occupied, on account of their clarity and their effectiveness, by Simakov biotransmitters, electronic bioanalyzers, and devices based on the Kirlian Effect. We have never found a word in any foreign ufological publications about the use of such instruments in this way. If our foreign colleagues would like to familiarise themselves with the experience we have gained in this field, we shall be very happy to share with them the results that we have obtained.

Zigel' did not manage to interfere with this our Second Seminar, although, after the first one, he had sent a letter to the Moscow City Committee (MGK) of the Communist Party of the USSR (KPSS) on which he ran down everyone connected with the organization and the holding of the Seminars. Our *Initiative Group,* which has started activities again, is at present preparing the material from all these three Seminars for publication. Naturally we don't expect to publish this material on any very wide scale, but at any rate we hope to print a sufficiency of copies of it. I might also mention incidentally that we are preparing a report on the work of the ill-fated BPVTS Section of the Popov Society. We are also preparing to publish a small popular-scientific book, *Koe-Chto ob NLO* (''Something about UFOs''), the authors of which will be V. G. Azhazha, B. A. Shurinov, and myself.

Articles in Press and Journals

Several journals have recently carried articles on our subject. To start with, for example, there was *Sovetskaya Etnografia* (''Soviet Ethnography''), issue No. 2/1979, and there was *Tekhnika Molodezhi* (''Youth Technology'') issue No. 10/1979, both of which carried an interesting article by Sanarov entitled ''UFOs and UFOnauts in the Light of Folklore''[3] and full of marvellous facts. Then there was also the journal *Khimiya i Zhizn'* (''Chemistry and Life'') No. 12/1979, which had an informative article entitled ''First Academic Publication about UFOs,'' in which the work by Gindilis, Men'ko and Petrovka, *Statistical Treatment of UFO Sightings over the USSR,* was discussed. (This had been published by the USSR Academy of Sciences in a limited edition.) From time to time there have also been notices and small items in other journals and newspapers. The nature of such notices and items has of course been by no means uniform, ranging in quality from pieces in which the authors expressed their reflections concerning the serious problem of UFO research, to those in which hack writers of no great mental talent were at pains to slander both Ufology and the Ufologists. A certain M. Shpagin, in a voluminous article in No. 10/1979 of the monthly *Zhurnalist* (''The Journalist'') went so far as to call for ''. . . a general struggle against the UFOnauts, this being also a struggle for a world-wide human viewpoint.'' (!).

Soviet support for ''Blue Book'' and Menzel

All the articles published here in the USSR which reject the reality of the UFOs have had one very interesting common feature: without exception, all such articles and interviews are copiously furnished with quotations from either the American *Blue Book* investigations, or from the ''works'' of Dr. Donald Menzel. Not a single one among the authors of all these concoctions has a word to say about the present-day American scientists and their attitude towards the UFO problem, nor indeed have they a single word to say about any other foreign scientist, whatever. It is as though to suggest that, anyway, the official American investigations were the ultimate and final stage of truth!

Not a word do these ''Ufologists'' of ours have to say, for example, about the French investigations into UFOs. Why? Because there, indeed, in the French investigations, the reality of the UFOs is proven.

In fact we get the impression that, apart from the introduction to the *Condon Report,* these scribblers of ours have never read anything at all about UFOs. Why, it is even worse than that. Lecturing at the Moscow Planetarium on ''Why do People WANT there to be Flying Saucers?'' Dr. Smilga (Dr. of Physics and Mathematics) admitted quite honestly, before sarting his lecture, *that he had never read anything at all about the subject,* apart from one article in *Nauka i Zhizn'* (''Science and Life'') No. 8/1978 (a translation of an article by James Oberg), plus Menzel's book. And yet there he was, the worthy Dr. Smilga, saying that he can prove to all and sundry that there are no UFOs, never have been any UFOs, and never can be any UFOs. Needless to say, the 1½-hour-long thrashings of this ''Ufologist'' made no impression even on the schoolchildren. He refused to answer questions himself; he had a certain Panovkin to reply for him. Panovkin declared that the Americans had proved absolutely that there had never been a single case of a sighting of a genuine UFO, and that the whole business consisted of hoaxes, hallucinations, and optical effects. Such, then, are the conclusions arrived at by this worthy fellow Smilga: downright falsification of the scientific data. One of the questions that came to him on the platform — and it was not by chance — was worded as follows:

''Doesn't your own lecture remind you of the session of simultaneous play by Ostap Bender in the yown of Vasyuki?''[4]

Red in the face, Smilga came out with a lame *''No''*, but the entire audience greeted the question with deafening applause.

Activities of F. Y. Zigel'

In addition to the official pronouncements and publications of recent times, there has also been a considerable increase in the number of manuscript articles put out and circulated by various specialists and investigators of UFO matters. As a general rule these papers are disseminated from hand to hand in the circles interested in UFO research, and copies are made of them to the extent that such copying is possible. The ''works'' of F. Y. Zigel' are passed around in the same fashion. I would now like to discuss these in a little more detail.

In the first place, the ''works'' of Zigel' are unquestionably the most voluminous of concoctions. But, alas, the number of pages in a book can in no way serve as a guarantee for the quality of the contents. Virtually the whole of Zigel's first volume, written in 1967, consists of reports of UFOs over the various regions of our country and therefore is in very good concordance with its title, *Nablyudeniya NLO v SSSR* (''UFO Sightings in the USSR''). But, if I may say so, for him to put his own name as the author of such a selection of cases was hardly quite the correct thing to do. Let us hope however that Zigel' did not simply *invent* these cases himself, and merely collected them. It would probably have been more correct for him to have put on the title-page ''Collected by F. Y. Zigel','' but we will forgive him for this little sin. It isnt all that important.

Whereas the whole of the first book was indeed devoted to the UFO problem, the following productions of his pen give less and less space to the subject. Thus, half of the

second volume of "UFO Sightings in the USSR" is devoted to an account of Zigel's struggle to get his other book *Naselenniy Kosmos* ("The Inhabited Universe") into print. His efforts on that scene ended in total failure. The second volume does containe one or two UFO reports, for which we must give him credit. But then when we come to his third volume, we find just a few pages about UFOs. The greater part of the book is devoted to describing the persecution suffered by Zigel' at the hands of certain individuals, and to bits of gossip and mischief-making accusations about other UFO investigators. Thus, scattering his venom, he fabricates cock-and-bull stories about V. G. Azhazha, who is generally recognized as the leader in Soviet Ufology. Now, what is the cause of this attitude of Zigel' towards other investigative groups? Here it is: Zigel' simply considers the UFO problem to be his own private bailiwick, and he won't allow anyone else to display greater activity than himself. He seems to receive a vast quantity of material, both from abroad and from within the USSR, but he lets nobody see any of it. "This is all MINE!" says he.

This is why it was that Zigel' severed his (originally very good) relations with V. G. Azhazha. And, as has subsequently become clear, he has only injured himself by making this break. Zigel' has now lost virtually all his followers, while V. G. Azhazha's group has increased its ranks considerably with specialists of integrity.

Next, a few words should also be said about Zigel's fourth volume, which came out at the beginning of 1979. In it, he refers disparagingly to V. G. Azhazha, and does not fail to mention other investigators who do not meet with his favour. He refers also to our ill-starred Seminar of November 1, 1978, though he does not mention the fact that it was on his own initiative that the gathering was broken up. But, what is more remarkable, this fourth volume has totally debunked the myth of Zigel' as an investigator who is to be trusted. The Leningrad group of Ufologists checked up on a few — taken at random — of his reports of UFO landings and humanoid sightings. And what do you think? Not a single one of them was true! What credibility can he possibly dream of winning now, after the report which the Leningrad UFO Research group delivered at our Second Seminar regarding their investigations?

Whereas it was possible to say, two years ago, that there were two investigation groups at work in Moscow, that period of "condominium" is now over. Soviet Ufology is today represented solely by the group under V. G. Azhazha. Working in close collaboration with us are other keen investigators, in Leningrad, Estonia, Moldavia, Georgia, in many towns of the Russian Soviet Federative Republic itself (RSFSR), in the Ukraine, and in the Central Asian Republics.**

All this, unquestionably, is a very positive and satisfactory state of affairs. Coordination of effort is essential if we are to achieve concrete results — in the first instance as regards the compilation of an adequately complete catalogue of UFO sightings over the territory of the USSR.

Statement by Cosmonaut Khrunov

In an interview published in *Tekhnika Molodezhi* No. 3/1979, the Soviet pilot and cosmonaut E. V. Khrunov said: **"The UFO Problem exists, and it is extremely serious. Thousands of people have seen UFOs, and up till now it is still not clear what they are. We are going to have to make a thorough investigation of this question. It is entirely possible that, concealed behind this question, there lies the problem of communication with extraterrestrial civilisations."**

Future Developments

The Soviet Ufologists are of the opinion that the very near future will see some powerful, positive, forward developments in the relations between the scientists and the people of our country on the problem of unidentified flying objects. Regardless of the sabotage that we have suffered (disbandment of the *BPVTS* Section) a great step forward has been taken: the Ufologists of the USSR now have a unified leadership. The number of people interested in the UFO problem is growing daily. Those joining our ranks include not merely folk who are interested in the problem, but also specialists in the various fields of knowledge. And for probing this enigmatic phenomenon we need scientists from the most varied specialised fields: from biologists and medical men to astronomers and mathematicians. We need philosophers, and chemists. We need psychologists and theoretical physicists. We need professional photographers, and many other sorts of people as well. For every honest investigator a place can be found in our ranks. The situation which is now taking shape in Soviet Science is favourable to the development of new areas of knowledge. Parapsychology is now recognised, and there is a trend towards the recognition of Ufology too. All of the more seriously-minded folk with scientific degrees — and even the humanist academics as well — are starting to take an interest in the UFO problem and are beginning to cooperate with the pioneers of Ufology throughout our land.

To put it all in a nutshell, it is our hope that in the next few years Soviet Ufology will manage to catch up with the level of investigation now going on in the USA, France, and other countries. In certain aspects of the work, although we possess no official status yet, *we are even ahead of these countries,* but in many other aspects we are still far behind. The primary task facing Soviet investigators is the establishment of a permanent UFO-watch system throughout our whole country or throughout individual parts of it, where UFOs are more active. We must also set

**Ufologists throughout the country see the translations made in Leningrad from foreign publications on the UFO problem. Furthermore the Leningrad Group have conducted a number of interesting field investigations, and, more than any of our other groups, they lay great emphasis on the thorough verification of sightings. An enormous contribution to Soviet Ufology has also been made by the keen investigators of Estonia, who have distinguished themselves by their businesslike and sober approach to the problem. The prominent Moldavian researcher N.E.Fedorenko has done a great deal of work on investigation of the Petrozavodsk Phenomenon,[1] and he has also written a number of interesting articles about sightings in Moldavia. Finally, alongside all their other scientific activities, the Moscovites of the Azhazha Group are coping successfully with the job of coordinating the work of all the groups in the USSR.

up machinery for the gathering of reports from the civilian population, from observatories, and from radar stations. We still have a vast deal of work ahead of us. It is our hope that all our beginnings will be crowned with success, and we shall naturally be very happy to join our efforts with those of the investigators in foreign lands. The UFO Phenomenon is international in its nature, and its study should be international too![5]

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Translator's notes and references

1. For our accounts of the Petrozavodsk Phenomenon, see *A Russian Jellyfish* (FSR, Vol. 23, No. 4), and *UFO Wave over Russia* (FSR, Vol. 24, No. 3). Also *Interesting News from Russia* and *Life in the Cosmos* (both in FSR, Vol. 25, No. 1.) There seems to be no doubt that what happened at Petrozavodsk was something most impressive. Very likely we have not yet heard of its more remarkable features.
2. The Russian scientist Vladimir Grigorievich Azhazha occupies the important post of Deputy Director of the Section of Underwater Research in the USSR Academy of Sciences (!!). For such information as we have on him, see *Interesting News from Russia*, and *Life in the Cosmos*, (both in FSR Vol. 25, No. 1).
3. V.I. Sanarov is a researcher in the Institute of Clinical and Experimental Medicine under the Academy of Medical Sciences of the USSR, and he is attached to their Siberian Branch, which is based on Novosibirsk. He has sent me the full Russian text of his paper, "UFOs and Ufonauts in the Light of Folklore," which appeared in the journal *Soviet Ethnography* (2/1979). If time permits, I hope to translate it. Dr. Sanarov has been particularly interested, and for a good many years past, in all that FSR has published on contacts with humanoid entities, abductions, and teleportation cases.
4. This humorous literary allusion is one of those "in"-jokes, or domestic jokes, that virtually everyone in a particular country is likely to understand, but which are not so clear to the outsider or the foreigner. I gather that the quotation refers to a book (I have not seen or read it myself) published in Russia in the 1920s during Lenin's NEP (New Economic Policy). The author was either the biting Soviet satirical writer Ily Ehrenburg or his colleague Ilf, or maybe possibly it was by both of them, as they collaborated brilliantly on the devastating anti-American book *Little Golden America*. The book to which this quotation refers was an equally devastating piece of satire directed against Soviet society and very likely some incident of blatant fraud. The questioner was consequently instantly understood by everyone in the hall. He was asking: *"Is it not perfectly obvious to everyone that you are telling lies?"*
5. V.G. Azhazha and Nikita Schnee, and their fellow-workers, are brave pioneers, and surely all who read this Report will applaud the manner in which they have battled against the petty obstacles placed in their path by an obstructive government.

   Notable among the points which Nikita Schnee makes are two. These refer, firstly, to the faithfulness with which the Soviet regime and its underlings cling to the negative lines laid down by Messrs Menzel and Condon in America, and, secondly, their corresponding "shyness" about mentioning the extremely important positive developments in France in recent years.

   As regards the views of the Russian investigators themselves on the possible origins of the UFOs, it is likely that none of us here in the west is sufficiently privy to the thoughts of Messrs Azhazha and Schnee and colleagues to know what they really feel about it. Nominally they all seem to think that the *E. T. Hypothesis* is the answer. Is it possible that the alternative theories have not yet dawned upon them? The answer must surely be no, if for no other reason than that the USSR now leads the world in Parapsychology and associated areas of study. That the Russians should have forged ahead like this ought to come as no surprise (even though one realises that what the USSR Government and the KGB have in view is the conquest of these new fields only as an aid to the military and political conquest of our globe). For, before 1917 that country was already well to the fore in Parapsycholoty. Let us take merely three names as examples: *H. P. Blavatsky; Georgiy Ivanovich Gurdjieff; Pyotr Demianovich Ouspenskiy.* Nobody understood better than these three remarkable Russians that the external world which we think we perceive around us may not be remotely as we imagine it to be, and that it may not be the sole "reality." Paraphrasing Shakespeare, we ought perhaps to warn the Communist Delegate Madame Lucy Nikolaevna Savinova: *"There are more things in Heaven and Earth than are dreamt of in your dreary Marxist philosophy."*

   Despite the courage and enthusiasm of Azhazha and Schnee as shown in this Report, there is no room for *hubris*, because, as Schnee warns us in his opening paragraph, things *can* change again in the twinkling of an eye. Soviet civilian research into the UFO enigma might vanish overnight. Things have not altered all that much since Stalin died.

   It does not seem to be unreasonable to think that the great new advances in Parapsychology could be one of the factors that will give future generations of men a completely different picture of the Universe. Those who wish to have a glimpse of the ferment now occurring in Russia in particular should read *Psychic Discoveries Behind the Iron Curtain*, by Sheila Ostrander and Lynn Schroeder (1970), and *The New Soviet Psychic Discoveries: A First-Hand Report*, by Henry Gris and William Dick (1978). And anyone who wishes to see a remarkable new Russian film in which the underlying ferment of all these new ideas comes constantly to the surface should go and see *The Stalker* (currently showing in London).

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THE FALCON LAKE INCIDENT — Part 1

Prologue: 1967

Chris Rutkowski

STEPHEN MICHALAK arrived in the resort town of Falcon Lake on the night of May 19, 1967, intent on doing some amateur prospecting in the area the next day. He left his motel at 5.30 the next morning, and headed north into the bush. By 9.00 a.m., travelling under a bright, cloudless sky, he had found a quartz vein near a marshy area, close to a small stream. At 11.00 a.m. he had lunch, then went back to his examination of the quartz formation.

At 12.15 p.m., with the sun high and clouds gathering in the west, Michalak was startled by the cackling of a gaggle of geese nearby, obviously disturbed by something. He looked up, and was surprised to see two cigar-shaped objects with "bumps" on them, at about forty-five degrees in elevation, descending and glowing red. As they approached closer, they appeared to be more oval and then disc-shaped. Suddenly, the furthest one of the pair stopped in midflight, while the other drew nearer and landed on a large, flat rock, which was later determined to be about 160 feet away. The one in the air hovered for a short while, then began rising and departed, changing from red to orange to grey as it flew into the west, where it disappeared behind the clouds, changing colour back to orange. Its movement at all times during its departure, like the arrival of it and its landed companion, was quick and noiseless.

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Turning his attention back to the craft on the ground, Michalak saw that it, too, was turning from red down to grey in colour, until it finally was the colour of "hot stainless steel," surrounded by a golden-hued glow. Michalak was kneeling on a rock as he observed the object, and wearing welding goggles which he usually wore to protect his eyes from rock chips. A brilliant purple light was flooding out of openings in the upper part of the craft, dazzling the eyes and making everything around seem purple (Michalak said that it left red after-images in the eye). For the next half-hour, he sat on the rock, making a sketch of the object and noting various peculiarities. He became aware of waves of warm air radiating from the craft, accompanied by the smell of

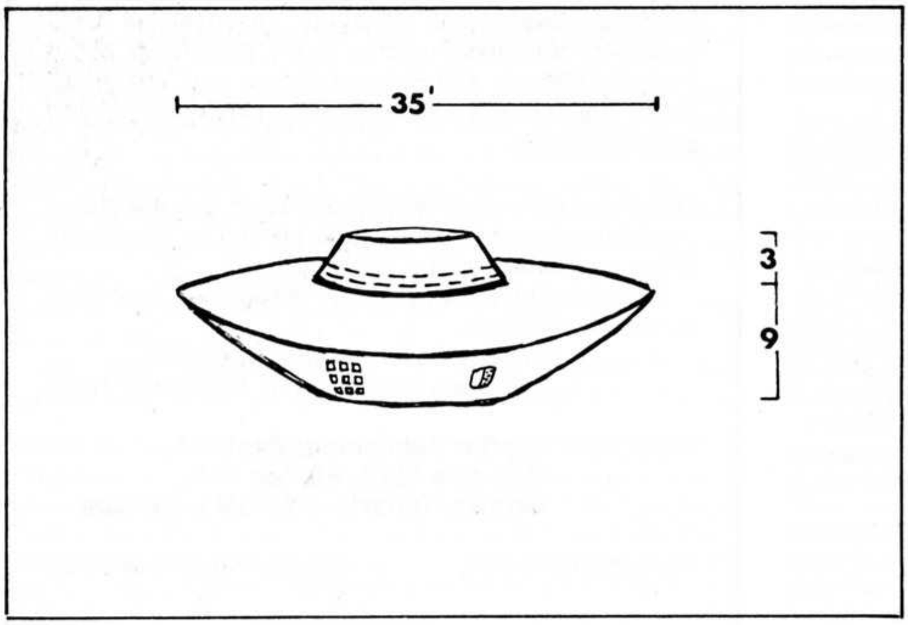


Figure 1: (Illustrations provided by the author). The craft. Figures denote dimensions in feet.

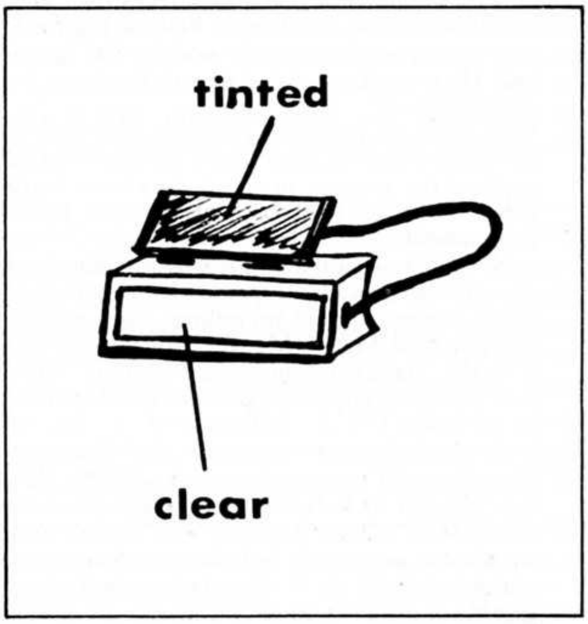
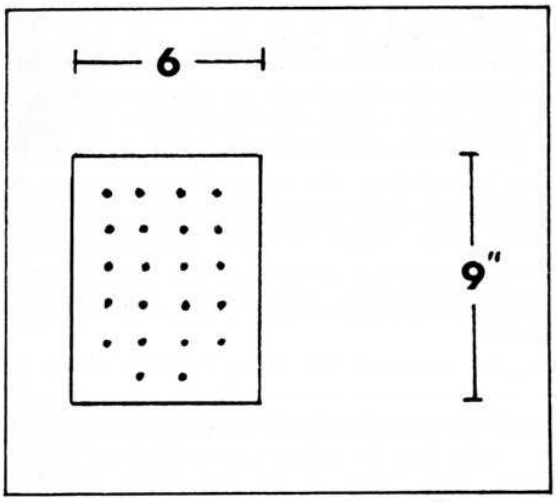


Figure 2: Style of welding goggles worn by the witness.



The dimensions of the slits on the craft, which emitted the lights, were approximately 12 ins × 1½ ins

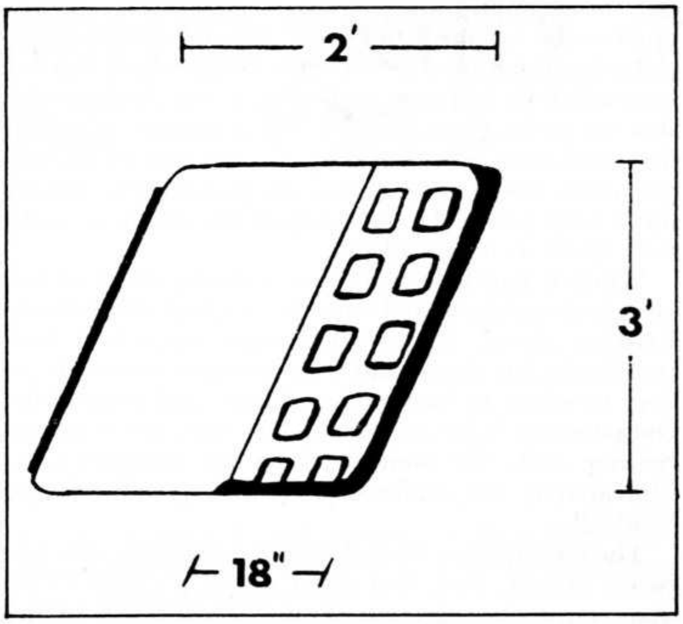


Figure 3 (above): An "exhaust".

Figure 4 (right): The hatch, or doorway.

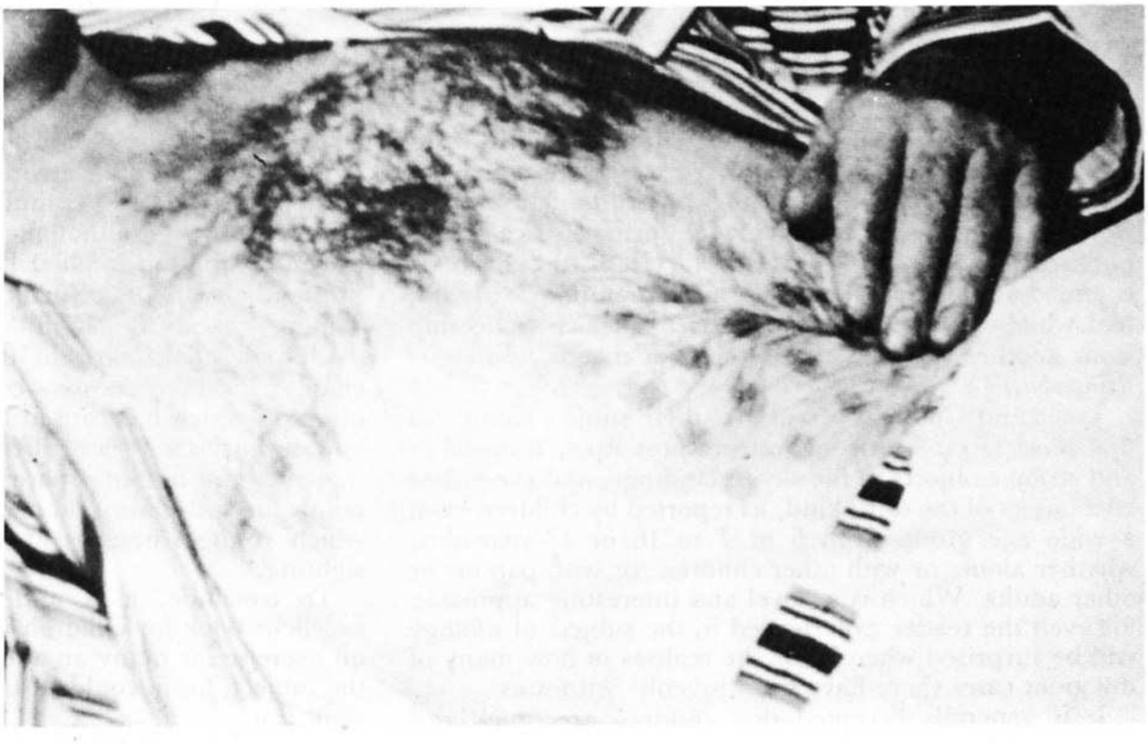
sulphur. He also heard the whirring of a fast electric motor, and a hissing, as if air was being expelled or taken in by the craft.

About this time, a door opened in the side of the craft, revealing some lights inside. Michalak approached to within 60 feet of the craft, and it was then that he heard two human-like voices, one with a definitely higher pitch than the other. Having first thought that the craft was some new American experimental airplane, he was now convinced of this, and walked closer to the craft, asking, "Okay, Yankee boys, having trouble? Come on out and we'll see what we can do about it."

Getting no response (the voices had subsided), but being a litle flustered, he asked in Russian, "Do you speak Russian?" There was still no answer, so he tried German, Italian, French and Ukranian, then once again in English.

With this, he walked closer to the craft, ending up directly in front of it. This close to the craft, the light from it was too much to bear, and so he flipped down the green lenses on his goggles. Poking his head into the opening, he saw a "maze" of lights on what appeared to be a panel, and beams of light running in horizontal and diagonal patterns. There was also a group of lights that were flashing in some sort of random sequence. Michalak stepped away from the craft, and waited to see what reaction his endeavour had produced (as he stepped back, he noted that the wall of the craft was about 18 inches in thickness).

Suddenly, three panels slid over the opening, sealing it totally to the outside. He examined the outside of the craft now, and touched the side of it with his gloved hand, noting that there were no signs of welding or joints; the surface was highly polished, and appeared like coloured glass with light reflecting off it, and made silvery spectra out of the sunlight. Drawing his glove back, he saw that it



Michalak's chest and abdomen are shown, and his burns are quite evident. His left upper chest shows the effects of a severe thermal burn, the hair and flesh being charred, while his abdomen shows the 'checkerboard pattern' of chemical burns.

had burned and melted, as had his hat, which had apparently brushed the side. Unexpectedly, the craft shifted position, and he was now facing a grid-like exhaust vent which he had seen earlier to his left. A blast of hot air shot on to his chest, and set his shirt and undershirt on fire, and also caused severe pain. He tore off his burning garments, and threw them to the ground. He then looked up in time to see the craft depart like the first, and felt a rush of air as it ascended.

When it had left, there was a strong smell of burning electrical circuits mixed with the original smell of sulphur. Looking down, he saw that some moss had been set burning by his shirts, and so he stamped it out. He walked over to where he had left his things, and noticed that his compass was behaving erratically; after a few minutes, it became still. He went back to the landing site, and immediately felt nauseous and a surge of pain from a headache.

The landing spot looked like it had been swept clean (no twigs, stones, etc), but piled up in a circle 15 feet in diameter was a collection of pine needles, dirt and leaves. As he looked around, his headache became worse, he felt more nauseous, and broke out in a cold sweat. Feeling very weak, he vomited; he decided that his prospecting was over for the day, and that he had better head back to the motel. (On the way back, he vomited several times, and he had to stop to regain his strength).

When he finally reached the highway, he found himself to be about a mile from where he had entered the woods, so he started off down the road in that direction. He saw a Royal Canadian Mounted Police car coming towards him, and tried to flag it down, but it passed by, apparently to turn around, because a few minutes later, Michalak heard a voice calling beside him. It turned out to be an RCMP officer, and Michalak told him the story of what had happened. The officer listened, and then told Michalak: "Sorry, but I have other duties to perform." He then left.

After walking for a few more minutes, Michalak reached the motel, but, thinking he was "contaminated," he did not go in, but rather remained outside in a clump of trees nearby. (A note should be made here about time references; to my knowledge, the next determination of time by Michalak is given as about 4.00 p.m., when he entered the motel coffee shop. I have not found any specification of the time spent at the landing site, though from the references given, I assume it to be slightly over an hour in duration).

At 4.00 p.m., he entered the motel coffee shop to inquire whether or not a doctor was available. He was told that there was no doctor nearby, but that there was one in Kenora, Ontario, which is 45 miles east of Falcon Lake. Michalak decided that instead of travelling further eastward from Winnipeg, he would return home and worry about prospecting when he was feeling better. He went to his room then, where he waited until the next bus to Winnipeg arrived at about 8.45 p.m. He called his wife, telling her that he had had an "accident" and not to worry, but to send their son to meet him at the bus terminal. When he arrived back in Winnipeg around 10.15 p.m. his son immediately took him to the Misericordia hospital. The investigations began.

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Editor's comment: It is one of the oddities of ufology that some cases get swept aside for some reason or the other, and afterwards forgotten. It was thus with the Michalak incident, which is why I asked our contributor, after he had submitted his detailed study of the case, to provide this prologue for our readers so that they have a record of the actual event. Mr. Rutkowski's study will be presented in the following issues of FSR.

THE BORDS' NEW BOOK

OUR contributors, and consultants, **Janet & Colin Bord** are the authors of a new book **Are we being watched?** (second title "True UFO sightings by children around the world"), hardcover, 96 pages wide format, price £3.95, published by Angus and Robertson (UK) Ltd. This book is aimed at older children, with an admonition, early on, that while some people think "UFO" means "spaceship from another planet. . .it does not; it means *unidentified flying object.*"

Janet and Colin have selected their subject matter so that most facets of the subject are presented, from LITs and strange objects in the sky to landings, and even close encounters of the third kind, as reported by children from a wide age group from 6 or 7 to 16 or 17-year-olds, whether alone, or with other children, or with parents or other adults. Which is a novel and interesting approach, for even the reader experienced in the subject of ufology will be surprised when he or she realises in how many of the great cases there have been juvenile witnesses.

It is generally accepted that children are quick and objective observers, but in these modern times one should temper such acceptance with the realisation that children also possess easily stimulated and vivid powers of imagination — although it must be granted that deceptions of the implied latter kind are usually "seen through" without difficulty — which raises a little "niggle" about the claim "True" in the second title.

Of particular merit in this book is the penultimate chapter "Where do they come from?" — the ultimate question which has caused heartaches for both ufologists and enthusiasts — for all the *theories* (with the reminder that they are nothing more than that) are detailed, with points for and against them. This leaves a short chapter in which young witnesses are told how to report a UFO sighting.

To conclude, it is underlined that a study of this excellent book for children would be a valuable starting-off exercise for many an adult with a new enthusiasm for the subject, for it would ensure that they commence on the right track.

CHARLES BOWEN

THE ANTHROPOMORPHIC ENTITY AT VILLA CARLOS PAZ — Part 3

A classic Argentinian Case re-examined

Dr. Oscar A. Galíndez

Translation from the Spanish by Gordon Creighton

PARTS 1 & 2 of this paper appeared in *Flying Saucer Review* Vol. 26, Nos. 5 and 6, and contained an account of the events reported at the Motel "La Cuesta" near the resort town of Villa Carlos Paz on June 14, 1968,* and ot the new investigation of the affair. It remains now to complete our commentary on the case.

xii Comparative Ufology

To conclude this report, we think it opportune to lay stress on eight significant aspects of the Villa Carlos Paz phenomenon that show a close relationship with certain other and similar incidents, to wit:—

1: The "Delayed Fall"

The two slow falls which María Elodia says she experienced induce us straight away to associate the Villa Carlos Paz incident with the celebrated episode at Kelly, Hopkinsville (U.S.A.) on August 21, 1955. In that case, the anthropomorphic beings, when hit by the shots fired by the Sutton family, dropped down slowly, "seeming to float to the ground"[6] and getting to their feet again instantly. What forces are involved in the production of these "delayed fall" effects?

As a simple illustration may we point out that, according to the French electronics engineer Jean Goupil, his hypothesis of a repulsive magnetic field could satisfactorily explain the curious effect of the tempered fall as the result of manipulation by a miniaturized generator of a repulsion field.

To avoid going into the matter at greater length now, we refer the reader to the excellent article by Goupil[7], inasmuch as it contains interesting technical ideas which

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*[*The following note was omitted, inadvertently, from Part 1* — ED]

The meteorological data for Villa Carlos Paz for June 14, 1968, are as follows: atmospheric pressure: 733; humidity: 85%; minimum temperature: +4.5°C at 7.30 a.m.; maximum temperature: +15°C at 2.30 p.m. Approximate temperature at the time of the humanoid phenomenon: +7° or +8°C.

Maria Elodia indicates the position occupied by the entity when she first saw it. Behind her is the side door by which, presumably, the entity entered, and by which it left. In the foreground is the counter of the bar. (Repeated from part 1 of this article).

might have a great bearing upon this case with which we are here concerned.

2: The Sphere held in the Left Hand

When the entity at Villa Carlos Paz quits the scene, he does so carrying the sphere in his left hand, but with the arm flexed, rigid, and at a right-angle to his torso.

The anthropomorphic entity seen by Luftolde Rodríguez on September 28, 1972, at Santa Isabel, Córdoba, Argentina[8] was also carrying a luminous shpere in his left hand, and also had the arm flexed and rigid.

3: Light Beams from hands and feet

The entity at Villa Carlos Paz emitted small beams of light from the tips of his toes and from the tips of the fingers of the right hand.

On June 24, 1968, at 1.10 a.m., Senora Dora Egger de Torres, living at Laguna Paiva in the Province of Santa Fe, Argentina, was awakened by an intense humming noise. In a corner of the room she beheld an oval-shaped light and, within the light, two strangely dressed beings. They were both encased in "divers' suits" of metallic appearance with helmet and vizor. One of them was about 2 meters in height, while the other one was only 0.50 meteres. From the tips of the fingers of both entities, and also from their lower abdomens, and from the vizors, came luminous beams or rays. "The beams were intensely bright, white, and constant."[9]

4: Teleportation or Unconscious Removal

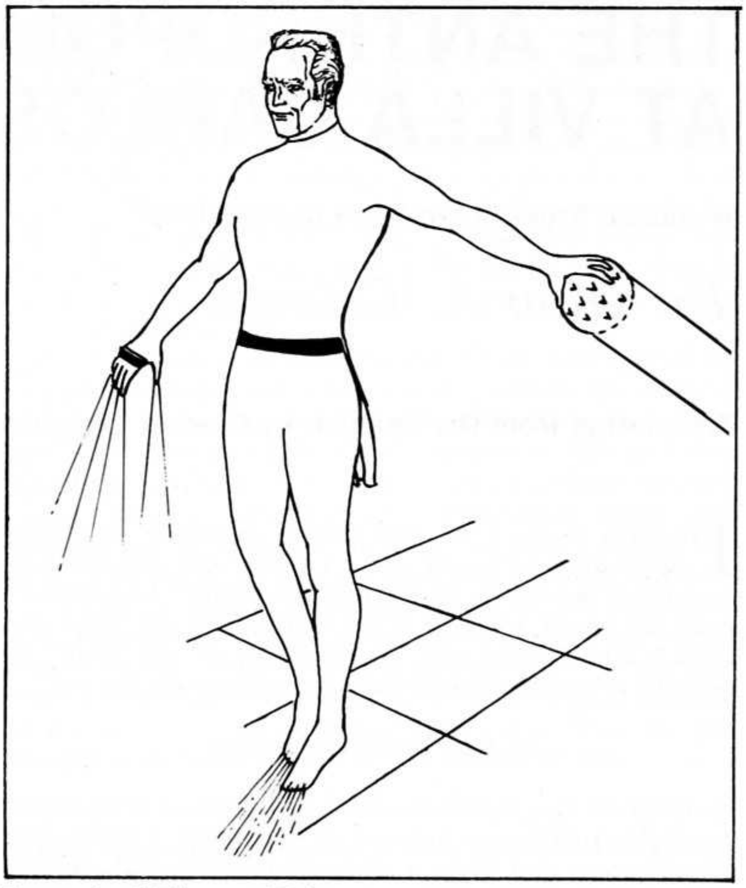
María Elodia says that after catching sight of the entity for the first time (and feeling the sensation that her body was being distorted, and hearing the voice inside her ears), she suddenly found herself grasping the counter. Yet she had no recollection whatsoever of having walked to the counter from where she had been standing on the threshold of the door leading into the kitchen.

At 11.30 a.m. on March 13, 1973, Senor Jorge Roberto Herrera observed the landing of a disc-shaped object some five metres in diameter beside the road from Jujuy to Salta, Argentina, at a place some 20kms distant from Salta. Suddenly, a human-like being appeared beside the object. The percipient threw his bag to the ground and attempted to approach the being, but only managed to cover a distance of five metres. Then the being, or whatever it was, suddenly vanished, and the object took off and disappeared at great speed. When Herrera started once more to walk towards the spot where the object had landed, he found that he was 20 metres from his bag (the starting point of his sighting), without having the slightest recollection whatsoever of having walked the last fifteen metres of the distance to the object.[10]

5: Intermittent Pains and Sensations

During the first few hours after the episode at Villa Carlos Paz, María Elodia felt a strange sensation of discomfort in her legs, and this sensation returned at intervals.

In the celebrated teleportation case which occurred at 3.10 a.m. on July 16, 1972, between Arroyito and Montecristo in the Córdoba area of Argentina, and some six hours after the actual occurrence, Senor Atilio Brunelli (one of the two men involved in the case) began to notice a strange sensation in the right dorso-lumbar region. He



Repeat of Figure 17 from part 1 of this article. The entity which confronted Maria Elodia Pretzel.

described it as like a sort of "going to sleep" which, while growing steadily more acute, was confined in its area to a perfect circle some 1.5 cms in diameter. The area affected was totally without feeling. After a few minutes, he began to experience a tingling sensation and this went on increasing until the normal degree of sensitivity had been restored. These phenomena continued to recur four or five times daily, over a period of four days.[11]

6: Coherent Beam of Light

The sphere carried by the entity at Villa Carlos Paz emitted a coherent beam of light (concentrated light). This detail agrees amazingly with other UFO cases in Argentina and also throughout the world, and it enables us to find a close correlation between "solitary entities" and the UFO Phenomenon itself, an aspect which has always been a focal point of interest for the ufological analysis.[12]

For further data about cases involving coherent beams of light, we refer the reader to the notable catalogue issued by SOBEPS (Société Belgique d'Etude des Phénomènis Spatiaux) in which they gave a résumé of 128 episodes from all parts of the world involving various forms of emissions of "compact" light.[13]

7: Disappearance of the Entity

Another feature which likewise is striking is the manner in which the entity is said to have vanished once he had passed out through the side door from the dining room, particularly if we bear in mind his slow gait as described by the eyewitness. Why was it that Sr Pretzel did not see the entity? Did the latter perhaps disappear straight up

into the air, as the entity did at Cofico (Salta, Argentina) on July 2, 1968?[14] Or did he maybe just vanish into thin air suddenly like the anthropomorphic being seen by Teodoro Merlo at Santa Isabel (Córdoba, Argentina) on September 22, 1972?[15]

On this weird question of the sudden disappearances of entities and/or UFOs, comparison may be made between the well documented articles of the Belgian investigator Jacques Scornaux[16] and those by the Argentine analysis Professor Oscar Urinondo[17] and architect Roberto E. Banchs.[18]

8 Parapsychological aspects

Finally, the affair at Villa Carlos Paz appears to comprise certain parapsychological manifestations with "physical effects" of the *Psi-Kappa (P-K)* type - i.e. telekinesis, as evidenced in the teleportation of the eyewitness as far as the counter, in her two "delayed falls" and in the final closing of the side-door without apparent physical contact between the entity and the door. The Villa Carlos Paz case contains moreover features involving "psychic effects" of the *Psi-Gamma* type (telepathy) as, for example, in the matter of the strange voice "perceived inside the ears" and not from the world outside and around the percipient.

Here again this is of course nothing new in the realm of UFO case histories — so much so indeed that the matter has of late been given particular treatment by numerous investigators of the UFO Problem, with the result that there have now emerged three clearly differentiated interpretative lines of approach which we may describe as follows:—

(a) Parapsychological Monism, which sees in all these paranormal effects an indication that the whole UFO Problem can be reduced to parapsychological terms.
(b) Ufological Monism, which maintains that ufological phenomena and paraphsychological phenomena are entirely unconnected, and even goes so far as to deny the existence of all parapsychological phenomena and dismisses them as popular superstition.
(c) Ufological — Parapsychological Dualism, (which we personally hold to be the correct view) wherein it is considered that the UFO Phenomenon is in its nature and origin separate from parapsychological manifestations, though it does tend to generate around itself paranormal effects similar to those found in the traditional parapsychological phenomena.**

What, in our view, is important is that this case at Villa Carlos Paz, with all its obvious parapsychological connotations, has furnished — and so long as twelve years ago — an exceptional concourse of documentary ingredients that will be of great value in the study of the complex dilema represented by the considerations which we have set forth above.

To sum up, we may say then that the phenomenon at Villa Carlos Paz has its sure place among the best and the most credible accounts of apparitions of unknown anthropomorphic beings. Despite the time that has elapsed since its occurrence, we have thought it fitting to publish this full text of CADIU's enquiry into the case, in the conviction that by so doing we shall be enriching the History of Ufology with this true and complete account of the facts.

**We are at present preparing a lengthy critical article on all these points, in which we will include a digest and evaluation of the various contemporary lines of thinking. We refrain from listing here the extremely copious bibliography — already in existence — relating thereto, but will append it in due course to our article when the latter is ready for publication.

O.A.G., S.S. de Jujuy, July 1980

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Of the 18 sources listed in Dr. Galindez' bibliography, three (Nos. 8, 11, 15) relate to material of which I have already given full translations in past issues of FSR. An English version of another (17) has also appeared in FSR.

Only two of the sources listed (1 and 6) are in English.

As far as the remaining 12 sources are concerned (they are all in Spanish or French) I can only say that *to the best of my knowledge* no English versions of them exist. However, it would be rash to speak too categorically about this sort of thing. The English-speaking world is vast, and a translation of any Spanish or French article on UFOs might well have been published somewhere in the USA or Canada or Australia, New Zealand, or South Africa without our having knowledge of the fact at FSR.

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FSR BOOKSHELF — 9

New UFO books reviewed by . . . *Janet & Colin Bord*

WE don't often hear about UFO entity cases from "down under," but they do exist, as **Keith Basterfield** reveals in his recently published study, **An indepth Review of Australasian UFO-related Entity Reports** (published 1980 by The Australian Centre for UFO Studies, and available, price Aust.$12 which includes surface postage of $3, from Keith Basterfield, GPO Box 497, Adelaide, South Australia 5001).

Sixty-seven cases, the earliest dating right back to 1868, are described in Section A (with sources given in Section C), and in Section B the author analyses and discusses them. When the dubious cases are eliminated, 27 "meaty" cases are left, and "Our analysis. . . informs us that the average case is likely to be a sighting of one entity, human-like in features, associated with a single object of discoid shape, during nocturnal hours with the single reporter being in a familiar environment." This is a thorough and readable study of a puzzling phenomenon, and in one of the six appendixes Keith Basterfield suggests that hypnopompic and hypnagogic imagery (night-time visions) provide a possible explanation. The book is well presented, consisting of 110 A4-size pages loosely bound, and the text is illustrated with drawings and diagrams.

In June 1977, **Fate** magazine sponsored an International UFO Congress in Chicago, U.S.A., to celebrate ufology's first thirty years. Gathered together was a host of 'stars', including the man who started it all, Kenneth Arnold, plus James A. Harder, Ted Phillips, Frank B. Salisbury, Stanton T. Friedman, David M. Jacobs, J. Allen Hynek, Ted Bloecher, Betty Hill, Alvin H. Lawson, Jim & Coral Lorenzen, David Stupple, Jerome Clark, R. Leo Sprinkle, Berthold Eric Schwarz, J. Gordon Melton and Curtis Fuller. Now the Proceedings of the Congress have been published in paperback form as, logically enough, **Proceedings of the First International UFO Congress** (compiled and edited by Curtis G. Fuller, and published by Warner Books, New York, $2.75). This thick, 440-page paperback is excellent value. Its contents range far and wide, and most of the contributions are intelligent, readable, and thought-provoking. Kenneth Arnold describes his 1947 sighting over Mount Rainier in detail, also his involvement in the strange Maury Island affair. There are articles on physical evidence for UFOs, on propulsion systems and the ETH, on debunkers, close encounters, abductees real and imaginery, contactees, men-in-black, and much else besides. There is even an index. This lively collection representing ufology in the late 1970s is recommended.

Beyond the Four Dimensions is subtitled "Reconciling Physics, Paraphysics and UFOs," which promises far more than the book delivers. Individuals equally at home in all three of these areas must be very rare, and author **Karl Brunstein** does not appear to be one of them. He is a physicist who has a slight knowledge of parapsychology and ufology, and although the book is aimed at the general reader, the crux of this argument, which takes up a very small part of the book, is likely to be comprehensible only to those with a similar educational background to himself. Too much of the book deals with the history of astronomical speculation from ancient Greece to Newton, the development of early man, the origin of life on earth, and the possibilities of life on other planets, all subjects peripherally connected to the book's stated subject, but all have been written about more interestingly elsewhere. For unfortunately Mr Brunstein's writing lacks clarity and precision, and requires dogged perseverance to elucidate. His title refers to a fifth dimension, a sort of parallel universe where the physical laws, which both UFOs and paraphysical events appear to break, are reconciled and it is this level to which we connect when UFO or paraphysical events are experienced. This again is not an original idea and if the author were better read in ufology he would have known that. (Published by Walker and Company, New York, price $12.50; 222-page hardback with bibliography and index.)

Storm on the Sun by **Joseph Goodavage** (Sphere paperback, £1.35, 192 pages), subtitled "How the Sun affects life on Earth," is a carelessly compiled and poorly written ragbag of facts and ideas, some of which are related to the book's title, but many of which are not. In his chapter on UFOs the author promotes Persinger and Lafreniere's theory of UFOs being generated by piezo-electric forces (as outlined in their book *Space-Time Transients and Unusual Events*), the connection with the Sun being that of electro-magnetism. He also has chapters on Tesla, Velikovsky, the chicanery of academics, and much more padding unrelated to the theme of the book. In his introduction, Goodavage tells us that the now famous Turkish admiral Piri Re'is (which he spells 'Reiss') was a "Dutch seaman." Any writer on Forteen subjects who can get that wrong deserves to be read with great caution — or better still, not read at all.

Stuart Holroyd's books are usually mind-stirring, and **Alien Intelligence** (Abacus/Sphere Books paperback,

£2.50, 228 pages) is no exception. It covers a wide range of subjects, from dolphins to God, from apes to UFOs, from computers to spiritualism, and herein possibly lies its failing. Somehow, despite its readability, this book does not satisfy. Perhaps the author is trying too hard to link together too many mysteries and solve them at a stroke. However, despite our misgivings, this is a book worth reading for the interesting data it contains. The regular reader of UFO material will probaly find the UFO information familiar, and Stuart Holroyd presents no new insights into the subject, but its placing beside subjects like out-of-the-body experiences might cause useful cross-fertilisation of ideas. The book is illustrated with some photographs (mostly not very relevant or necessary) and line drawings, and includes bibliography and index.

The next book is not, apparently, about ufology, but in fact its subject matter is exceedingly relevant. Since UFOs are perceived by the human mind — or consciousness, or brain, or whatever — and may even, indeed, in some way be an expression of or construct from the mind of the witness, a knowledge of how the mind and brain work is a basic requirement for the serious ufologist. This undoubtedly a complex field, as author **Gordon Rattray Taylor** does not hesitate to admit in his book **The Natural History of the Mind** (Paladin Books/Granada Publishing, £2.50, 370 page paperback). But Taylor has the enviable skill of making science not only comprehensible but interesting, and consequently this book is compelling reading. Especially relevant to ufology is the material on subliminal perception, alternative states of consciousness, imagery, and the nature of hallucinations.

Zetetic Scholar is "an independent scientific review of claims of anomalies and the paranormal," published twice yearly in July and December. As well as articles and bibliographies on specific topics, *ZS* publishes "dialogues" — an article is followed by critical comments from experts in that field, the comments being answered in a later issue by the original author, and so on. Issue No. 7 of *ZS* (December 1980) contains a dialogue on UFO theories, the initial article being "Theories, Hypotheses, and Speculations on the Origins of UFOs" by J. Richard Greenwell (extracted from *The Encyclopedia of UFOs*). There follow critical comments of varying length from Abell, Clark, Cohen, Corliss, Derr, Fair, Farabone, Farish, Friedman, Hendry, Henry, Hynek, Keel, Maccabee, Michel, Mosley , Oberg, Rimmer, Schutz, Sheaffer, Sturrock and Swift, and the whole dialogue occupies 50 pages of the issue's 166 pages. Not unexpectedly, there is great divergence of opinion, with the ETH still finding supporters despite a recent general swing away from it. Most commentators rightly accept that misperception of natural phenomena can account for many "UFO" sightings, but most seem to agree that there is a residue of cases not easily explained. Beyond that, disagreement rules, and there seems little likelihood of a speedy resolution of the question 'What are UFOs?'. (*ZS* costs $12 p.a. in U.S.A. and Canada, $18 elsewhere, and is obtained from Zetetic Scholar, Department of Sociology, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, Michigan 48197, U.S.A.)

Books dealing with the likelihood of extra-terrestrial life have a place in this review because, of course, many people believe UFOs to be craft originating from outside our planet, and as a result the authors of such books usually mention the question of UFOs. They are rarely supporters of ufology, which may seem strange in view of the fact that UFOs may be the very evidence of extra-terrestrial life they claim to be looking for. Science-fiction writer **Chris Boyce's** attitude in **Extraterrestrial Encounter:** *A Startling Survey of Alien Intelligences and Mankind* (New English Library paperback, £1.35, 188 pages, illustrated with 12 drawings) is therefore not unexpected: he says that UFOs are worthy of investigation (p. 120), but his treatment of the subject is nevertheless dismissive (Chapter 9 is headed "Unbelievably Fatuous Observations"). If Chris Boyce really does expect contact with ETs "within the next fifty years" (p. 15), how can he (and others writing on the search for extraterrestrial life) afford to be so scathing of UFO sightings, particularly those cases where encounters with entities are reported? Agreed that there is no evidence that these aliens are extraterrestrials, but neither

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has it been proved that they are not. If Boyce *et al.* find the behaviour of UFO entities unbelievable and refuse to consider such reports, do they ignore everything strange? If so, they'll miss the arrival of extraterrestrials if they do come, as the visitors are unlikely to appear in a form and manner acceptable to earthlings. In the light of Boyce's attitude towards UFOs, we can hardly take seriously his unrealistic discussion on other aspects of contact with extraterrestrial intelligences.

GHOSTS OR MACHINES?

Janet Bord

THE "psychic projection" theory of UFOs has not gained much support and this may be, I suspect, because many people do not understand the concept. Its acceptance also depends on a belief in the reality of psychic phenomena. Today's climate of denial means that psychic phenomena are widely scorned, despite strong evidence in their favour, and often it seems that closed-mindedness is masquerading as "a scientific attitude."

However, assuming that psychic phenomena can and do exist, then the "psychic projection" theory of UFOs, briefly stated, is that the "UFO" is non-physical, a projection from the brain/mind/unconscious/psyche of the witness, the mechanism as yet not being understood. It has been suggested by John Rimmer* that the UFO is not even externalised, but remains "an internal projection from the unconscious to the conscious mind." This idea is perhaps acceptable for some single-witness sightings, but less likely in cases of multiple-witness sightings, unless we fall back on the idea of telepathic transmission of the image from the main witness to the others.

Experiments in telepathy show that it is usually a general impression of the target that is received, rather than a detailed picture. But UFO witnesses usually present closely coinciding descriptions of the events described, and I have never come across a case where the testimony of one witness sounded as though it was a telepathic impression of another witness's experience. So I am inclined to feel that the internal projection theory is unlikely to account for multi-witness UFO sightings.

But if we can believe the evidence presented in a recently published book, there can be little doubt that projections, be they internal or external, *are* feasible. **The Story of Ruth** by **Morton Schatzman**** describes the extraordinary ability of Ruth to cause apparitions to materialise. Plagued by the ghost of her still-living father, she sought psychiatric help from Dr. Schatzman, who eventually realised that the apparition was conjured up by Ruth herself, and could also be dissipated by her. Once she realised that, she began to experiment with her ability and found she could materialise other people, like Dr. Schatzman — in the same room with the real Dr. Schatzman! Dr. Schatzman could not see his materialised double, and indeed most of the apparitions could be seen only by Ruth. There were exceptions to this, but the evidence does not indicate whether those people who saw the apparitions were seeing externalised images or were picking up Ruth's internal projections telepathically. All attempts to photograph the apparitions were unsuccessful.

I believe that this book has important implications for ufology. It demonstrates that it is possible for people to bring about vivid materialisations, either involuntarily as Ruth was in the beginning, or voluntarily as when Ruth later learned to control her talent. It is therefore feasible that *some* "UFOs" could be materialisations. This theory could explain the great variety in the appearance of UFO entities — they appear as imagined by their creators. Also the same theory can be used to account for other unexpected sightings — for example, black dogs, some man-beast sightings, the Little People, ghosts — all could be materialisations from the unknown depths of that miracle of existence, the human being.

The psychic projection theory raises as many questions as it answers. How is it that so many people possess a hitherto unknown and extraordinary talent? Why is it suddenly triggered off? Why do the materialisations often take the form of spacecraft and alien beings? I will duck out of attempting answers to these complex questions. There is also another aspect to the "psychic projection" theory which I have not mentioned: that the projections may emanate from the so-called "Collective Unconscious" rather than from the individual witness. Since this brings in yet another "unknown," the Collective Unconscious, which I feel makes it a less likely solution to the UFO mystery, I will confine this article to the theory that the *witness* triggers the projection. At least there is some factual evidence to support this theory.

I will end by describing another clue to the apparitional nature of some UFO experiences: that they seem personal to one witness. How many accounts have you read of a huge UFO seen somewhere where logically it could be expected to attract great attention, but only being seen by *one* witness? And accounts of people being alerted to the presence of a UFO by a compulsion; or feeling that a UFO was watching them? Compare this with a report of a wolf-like animal ghost (looking "as real and solid as anything I have ever seen") recently sent to me, the witness stating that it was looking at her with an intensity, and that "there was a sense of communication." In such cases, be the subject animal or entity or spacecraft, I suggest that the witness is seeing a personally initiated psychic projection — and indeed, that such psychic projections can account for quite a number of sightings of UFOs and allied phenomena. But not all.

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HUMANOIDS AT SOUTH MIDDLETON — Part 1

David F. Webb

A report from Massachusetts, U.S.A., based on investigations by the author, and Raymond E. Fowler, conducted in 1978. Some of the witnesses have requested to remain anonymous, a wish that has been respected — although it has posed editorial problems.

THIS is a report of the investigation of a complex series of incidents which occurred in and around the home of the Gould family in South Middleton, Mass, a rural community located about 15 miles north of Boston. These incidents included sightings dating back to 1962 of two kinds of beings and several types of UFOs. A surge of activity began in the autumn of 1977 and continued through the spring of 1978. Scattered incidents have been reported up to the date of this account. During the period of high activity different people reported seeing one or more types of small, white-suited, helmeted figures. During 4 days from January 9 to 12, 1978 the main sightings of a UFO(s) occurred on the Gould property. It is possible that a single UFO landed on the property the night of January 9, and remained for 2 days before departing on the morning of January 12. However, the exact dates, times and sequence of events are confused. On January 9 and 10 there were two observations of a white suited figure in the vicinity of a UFO; therefore this sighting is Type C in the Humanoid Study Group system.

The January series of encounters are highlighted in this report because they involved specific UFO-related humanoid sightings, and were more recent and more easily documented. The other incidents were not directly UFO-related and/or were too vague or brief to provide much useful data except in support of the January incidents. These related events are reviewed in chronological order in Section 3.

Synopsis of the January events

In the Gould family are Theresa (50) and Thomas (52), their three children, Allan (21), Nancy (20) and Douglas (14). Thomas is a self-employed carpenter who is an emigrant from Canada. He served in the RCAF for 4 years as a medic. Theresa was born in and lived in her parents' home for 42 years before she and Tom built the house in 1967 on River Street where they now live. They recently sold the house and will be moving to Maine soon.

On the evening of Monday, January 9, 1978, Douglas was staying with relatives nearby. The other Goulds were at home at River Street. Doug and the relatives' children were put to bed between 7.30 and 8.0 p.m. At about 7.30 Nancy and Theresa Gould were sitting in their living room when through the dining room window to the east, Theresa saw a large, yellowish-white light angling toward the ground. The main light may have had a small light in the rear (Theresa later described seeing 3 round lights). The light(s) seemed to be approaching from the NE and was in view at least 15 seconds. Nancy, who saw the object when it was closer, described a yellow-orange ball of light. She ran out the back door in time to see the object disappear behind trees some distance behind the house (azimuth: 15-30°). She said the light seemed to wink out as it went behind the trees. No glow was seen; total observation time was about 20 seconds. She returned to the house, recorded the time in her diary as 7.37 p.m., and called a friend on the phone. Five minutes later, when she tried the phone again, it was dead and didn't work for 20 minutes. During this period a relative tried calling the Goulds from her home, but to no avail.

In the relatives' house the children had been in bed for about 10 to 15 minutes when one of them called out: "Daddy, there's a man over there. And he was trying to touch me." The boy reported seeing a white figure in the room at the foot of the bed. His father naturally assumed the boy had been dreaming, and told him to go back to sleep.

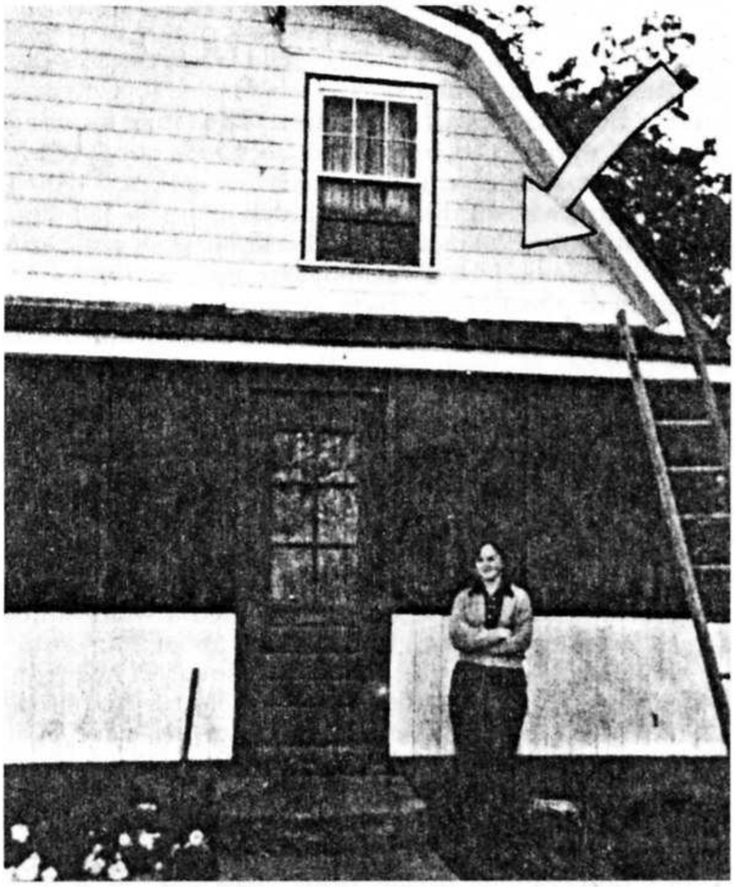

Figure 1: Looking West. Nancy Gould standing by the porch from which the helmeted figure was seen on the roof (arrowed) on 9 January, 1978.

Figure 2: Looking South towards the Gould home. The "prowler" was seen on this area of high ground.

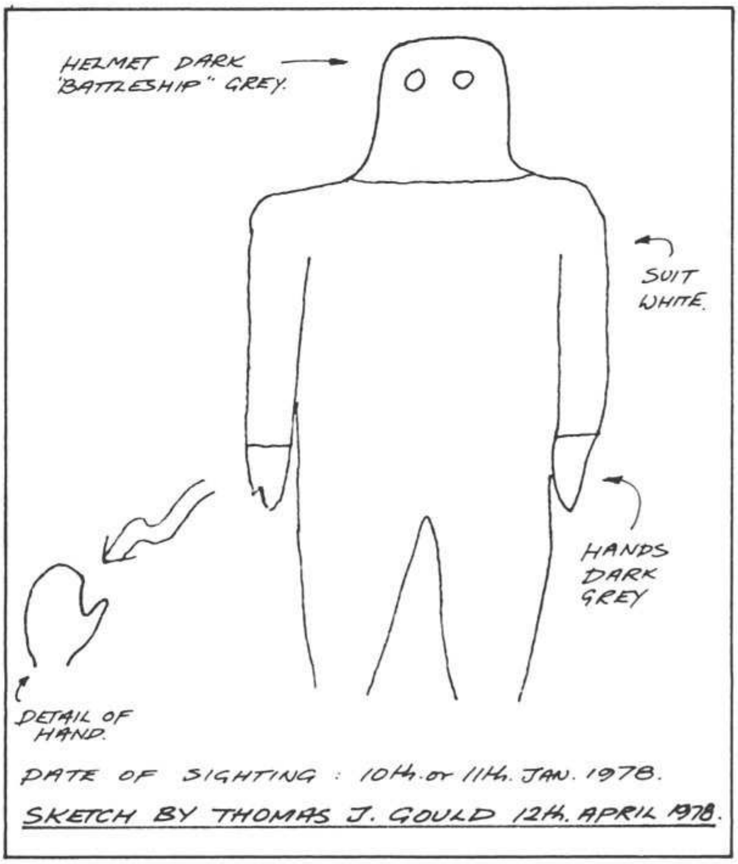

Figure 3: The "figure", or entity.

As the father left the room, he heard a knock in the other bedroom, which should have been unoccupied. He went in to see who it was, and heard a knock on a window. Pulling the curtain back, he saw a white-suited figure *atop* the roof of the back porch. The porch adjoins the house on the first floor. The figure was about 2-4ft. away and hooded by what seemed like a mask. The father looked at a pair of eyes which just stared back. He dropped the curtain and went downstairs.

The night was windy and the porch door was banging, so the father went to the door to check. He went out on the porch and had to kick the porch door at its base to keep it closed. Turning to come back in, he noticed apparently the same figure standing just outside the door, which is all glass. No one else saw figures that night.

January 10 was a day of high, broken clouds. Snow flurries occurred in the Boston area, but the Goulds remembered no large snow cover at any one time. It is probable that if the sky were mostly cloudy, the lighting was flat on that day.

Tom Gould spent much of that day working on the property. At 2.30 p.m. he was chopping wood in an area due north of their house when he spotted a white-suited figure standing on a path beside a tree about 90ft. away.

The figure stood 4½ft. tall, wore a squarish helmet in which were set two dark eyes or eye holes. It had broad shoulders with arms which hung down the sides. The being's apparently gloved hands had 3 digits ("looked like mittens"), resembling a thumb, finger and a thicker part. The hands and helmet were battle-ship grey. **(Investigator's note:** These details are a composite of Tom's observations of the being, based on at least 7 separate encounters. Tom claims to have seen this or a similar figure 4 or 5 times during December, 1977, or a few weeks before this incident. The figure was always alone; however, Tom always had the vague impression of a second figure near the first that he couldn't quite perceive. On January 10 it is unlikely that Tom saw much detail of a white figure standing 90ft. away against a white background on a flatly lit, overcast day. **— DW)**

The being stood staring at Tom. Tom spoke in English and got no reaction. But when he spoke in French, he thought it moved slightly. Tom was unafraid of the being (this not being the first encounter) and continued chopping firewood for *1-1½ hrs.*, glancing at the being occasionally. It never moved. (In explanation of this apparent nonchalance, Tom told me that by then the figures were a common sight to him and that chasing them had always proven futile — DW).

Upon finishing the chopping, Tom got in his pickup and drove down the road a short way. He looked again for the being but it was gone. (The area is hilly with lots of trees and shrubs. It is easy to lose sight of a small object even nearby — DW). Then he noticed what looked like a huge boulder about 150ft away down a slope in a partially wooded area. He stopped the truck, got out and walked some distance around the area to look for the being and to get a better vantage point of the strange object.

The object was sitting on the ground; ". . . it was egg-shaped, wider at the front than . . . at the back. It's got little windows all over the sides of it . . . The window looked like a frog's eye — it had a hood-like thing over the window," said Tom. Later Nancy reported the windows as round and bubble-shaped; i.e., they seemed to protrude from the sides of the craft and were adjacent to one another. The dark grey surface of the UFO was dull and rough, like the surface of a brick. No seams or protrusions were evident.

Measurements in the area indicated that the UFO was about 40ft. long by 13½ft. wide across its nearer or wider

end, and possibly 10ft. high (an undetermined portion lay in the snow or depressing the ground surface). The being had been approximately 300ft. to the west of the UFO. I investigated the "landing area" on April 23, or 3½ months later; at that time it was well overgrown with brush and small trees. There was no evidence of a depression or environmental damage except for broken limbs on two trees. These two trees were the tallest in what would have been the UFO's path of vertical descent. I was the one who first noticed these broken limbs, and pointed them out to Tom. He stated he was sure they were broken by the UFO because they had not been broken before the sighting, and the wood had appeared green and clean-cut the day after the sighting. I questioned him closely on this point. He admitted that he could not be sure he had been in the area of the "landing" within several days to a week before January 10.

Tom was afraid to approach very close to the UFO, and eventually returned home. He is uncertain when he told the family about his experience, but remembers that upon doing so they laughed and thought it was a joke. There is a discrepancy about whether the next sighting was the same day or the next day. On probably the following day (January 11) Tom was again cutting wood on the lot when once again he saw the UFO sitting in the same place. In late afternoon he got first Allan, then Nancy, to look at the object.

Nancy remembered viewing the object about dusk on January 11. She thought the time was about 4.30 to 5.00 p.m; sunset was about 4.50 p.m. Allan, whose vision is effected by glare, thought that the sun was reflecting off the snow causing glare. He could only see what looked like

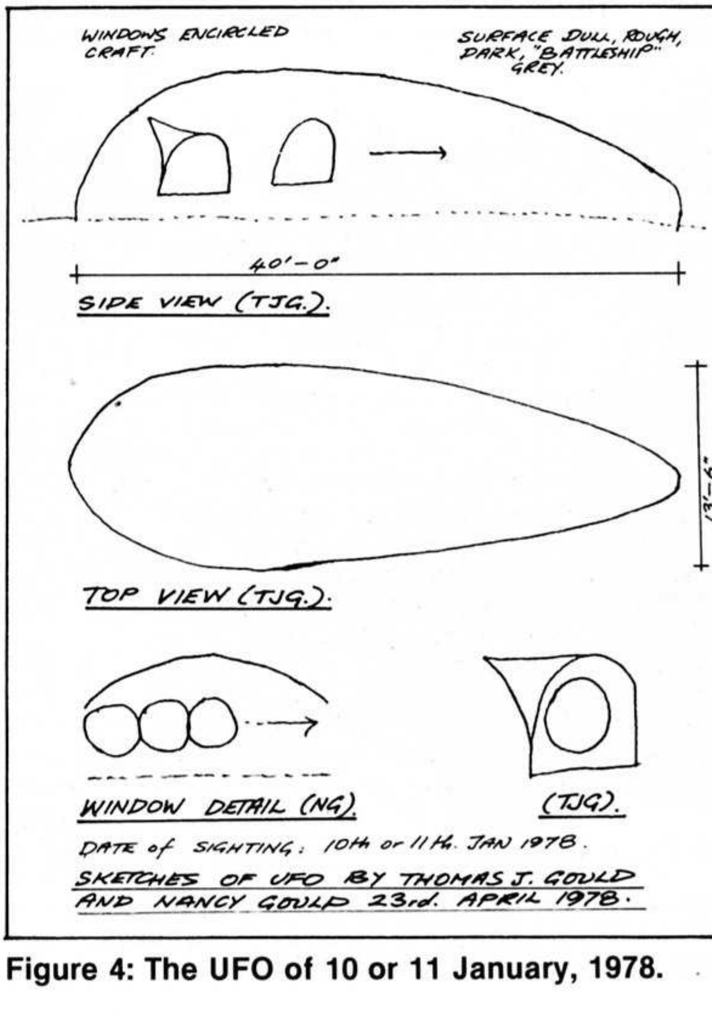

Figure 4: The UFO of 10 or 11 January, 1978.

a big boulder. Tom would not allow the youths to approach closer than 50ft. from the UFO. Nancy was unable to see much detail because it was dusk, and the UFO was a distance away, partially obscured by trees and brush. Even so she claims to have seen 7 windows on the UFO once her eyes focussed on it.

On the following day (probably Janaury 12), Allan saw a daylight disc ascend from the property. He was in the bathroom about 10.00 a.m. when he suddenly observed a UFO about 100ft. in the air over a rise at an azimuth of 15°. Its bearing was approximately the same from the house as the location where the landed object had been

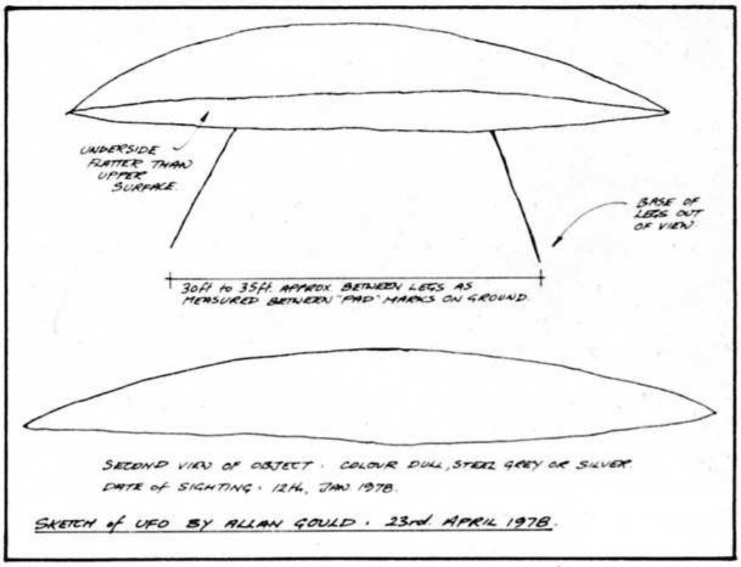

Figure 5: Object sighted by Allan Gould.

but apparently closer to the house. The object had a smooth, dull, steel-grey or silver surface, and was shaped like two discs pressed together, the bottom being flatter than the top. Four long legs extended from the underside (Allan remembered seeing only 2 legs but assumed there were 4). The legs extended below the rise along Allan's sightline. As he watched, the object slowly rose vertically. He quickly ran outside, but saw nothing more of it.

He later found what he called "pod marks" in the clay-like soil near the rise. Only one of those alleged marks was visible the day I visited the site, April 23. The hole was 4½ in. deep, 6 in. wide at the top and lay on an inclined portion of ground. It lay near a partially buried can. The immediate area is open with a dirt access road running through it. The topsoil has been removed from some of this area; what remains is clay-like and dry. The remains of an old hog pen lie atop the rise. I had Allan stand where he remembered the other holes and measured the distances. The result was a roughly rectangular area. Allan's idea was that these distances were the spacing between the 4 legs of the craft as it rested on the ground.

This concludes the synopsis of the reported events in January 1978 on the Gould property. The investigators consider these events to be the most important and best documented one involving the Goulds. However a host of attendant events involving both entities and UFOs were reported before and after this period. These incidents are reviewed briefly in the next section.

Related events

Strange events have been reported by the Gould family

Figure 6: Looking North. Thomas Gould had this view of the helmeted figure 90 ft away (where Nancy is indicated by vertical arrow). The landed UFO was 300 ft to right, in direction indicated by horizontal arrow.

over the years. The earliest dates back to 1962, but the majority of datable events occurred within the last 2 years. All but two of the events took place in one of the homes of the Goulds or their relatives, or on their properties. The events include a plethora of activities which have come to be associated with the UFO phenomenon, such as sightings of at least two types of humanoids, cattle mutilation, poltergeist-type phenomena, and of course UFO sightings. So far no MIB, psychic or strange communication activities have been involved.

Every family member reported one or more of the above types of activity. Every one of my conversations with the Goulds elicited new ''revelations'' of shapes seen, sounds heard, odours detected. I have not attempted to record every reported incident, only those which seemed to me to be directly related to the UFO or humanoid incidents.

I note, parenthetically, that the poltergeist-type activities were reported to have occurred inside houses by the youngsters. These events may be unrelated to the UFO/humanoid phenomenon. They may be part of the parapsychological or spirit realm, in that young people are involved inside houses. It is also possible that some of the reported events were a product of the imaginations of the younger people combined with the excitement of a few ''real'' incidents. On the other hand we found no specific reason to reject any of these events.

Nineteen years ago (probably May or June 1962) the grandmother had her only UFO sighting. After midnight following a thunderstorm she saw a round light which grew in size, then separated into several components. It was brilliant, like a torch, and multi-coloured with rays of light which arose from ''behind'' the object. Sighting duration was about 5 minutes.

In 1974 when he was 17, Allan Gould observed a yellow or red-orange object behind the pool, which at that time lay 150ft north of the house (a dirt area delineates its location today). The light was so intense that it woke Allan, even though heavy curtains and shades covered the windows of his bedroom. The time was 10.30-11.00 p.m. The object was apparently cigar-shaped, although the outline was indistinct because of the intensity of the light, and much larger than the 18ft diameter pool. The UFO went straight up and out of sight rapidly.

Six or seven years ago (the best estimate is Summer, 1974) the five Goulds saw a huge object — which was described as the ''mother ship'' — take off from a mountain near Coleman State Park in Colebrook, New Hampshire where they were vacationing. The object was a dark shape, with lights which changed from white to red and back again. The time was about 11.30 at night. (It is not clear how many of the family actually saw this UFO; Allan gave the only detailed report.)

As mentioned earlier two basic types of humanoids were reported by the Goulds and their relatives: a ''prowler'' figure and the white, helmeted figure. Specific sightings of the ''prowler'' were reported by Tom, Theresa and Nancy Gould, and the grandmother, and happened at night during the summer months over the last 2-4 years (no sightings were reported during 1978). On several occasions the Middleton police were called to investigate what they were told was a trespasser on the Gould property. They even drove around the property in their police jeeps, but never found anything. The Goulds

Figure 7: Thomas Gould looks along the long axis of the landed UFO of 10 or 11 January, 1978. Arrows indicate broken limbs.

also complained to other neighbours about their tennis members trespassing on the Gould land.

The prowler figure was of normal stature and always appeared dressed in a white shirt and dark trousers, and had dark hair. Most of the sightings were at a distance; *no facial features* were ever seen. Occasionally, while the Goulds sat on their back porch, they would see several figures together on the hill behind the house "dancing" and moving about.

The "prowler" had peculiar ambulatory characteristics which distinguished it (or them) from a normal human being. Walking movements were very slow with the body held very erect, the arms rigid at the sides. The arms never were observed to bend at the elbows; the knee was never ovserved to bend. Nancy and Theresa noticed that when the being turned his body, the whole body rotated in a strange way that they found difficult to describe. No noise or other sound was ever heard in direct relation to the being and no footprints were ever found in the wake of either the prowler, or the helmeted figures, even when snow was on the ground!

The grandmother had one encounter with the "prowler" which, because it was a well-observed close encounter, will serve as an example of this humanoid type. The incident occurred probably in June 1977 at dusk or about 9 p.m. The good lady was walking from her home to the Goulds to greet her grandson Doug, who was

Figure 8: Possible site of landing of UFO with legs on 12 January, 1978. It was on this open area that Allan Gould found "pod" marks. The arrow indicates position of only remaining mark.

about to come out the porch door. Nearing the porch, she suddenly noticed a figure only 6-7ft. to her right dressed in white shirt and dark trousers with dark hair. The figure's back was to her. He was 5ft. 7in. tall and motionless. Thinking the figure was her son-in-law, Tom Gould, she called to Doug. When he replied, she turned toward the porch, then back to where the figure had been; he had vanished in this short time span! There was no doubt in her mind of the sighting as she had gazed directly upon the being at close range. Doug opened the proch door too late to see anything.

Figure 9: Allan Gould checks depth of remaining "pod" mark with a ruler. The hole was 4½ ins deep, 6 ins wide, and had an inclined surface.

After considerable effort I managed to trace a rumour of cattle mutilation during late 1977. The source was a 15-year-old niece of the Goulds, and I interviewed her at their home, and found her to be articulate and believable.

The girl's home is not far from the area known locally as the "Blais ranch". In late September or early October 1977, two black and white spotted calves were reported missing from the Blais herd. Several days later the girl found the calves dead on a hill known locally as the "Indian burial grounds." The calves had been mutilated; their heads had been torn off, innards had been removed and were missing and dried blood was near the bodies. The front leg of one calf was missing. Youths often camped in this area and packs of wild dogs had been seen there before, but the girl could find no obvious teeth marks or knife incisions on the bodies. She got friends, and a son of the owner to view the carcasses. The boy identified the calves as those missing from the Blais herd and thought they had been killed by dogs.

This area is one of the highest in the immediate vicinity, and is located within a half mile of the Goulds' property, and the alleged UFO landing site. Nearby is a gravel pit where old cars are abandoned. I do not consider the circumstances of the calves' deaths to be particularly unusual, especially in the light of the reports of wild dogs in the area. However, it is put on the record because of the time frame, proximity to the UFO/humanoid incidents,

and the implied relationship between cattle mutilations and UFOs in other cases.

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The details of the related events will be concluded in the Second part of this report, which will also include the investigators' evaluations.

MAIL BAG

Correspondence is invited from our readers, but they are asked to keep their letters short. Unless letters give the sender's full name and address (not necessarily for publication) they cannot be considered. The Editor would like to remind correspondents that it is not always possible to acknowledge every letter personally, so he takes this opportunity of thanking all who write to him.

Oue for the 1954 book

Dear Mr. Bowen, — Your *excellent* answer to Dr. Willy Smith in FSR Vol. 26, No. 6, gives me the opportunity to write you, vieux copain, and to give a brief account of a case in 1954 which I have never before mentioned.

The "witness" first wrote me a letter. In every other way he seemed believable — sober, cultured, anxious to keep his story secret — yet at first I did not believe him, rather in the fashion of Dr. Smith. Perhaps I should try to explain: what he told me so preplexed me that I couldn't rid my mind of it, especially when, during the long years, I investigated a CE3(4). He was, in fact, the first "contactee" I had encountered, and he was a strange contactee at that, for he himself could not believe his own story (though he was sure it took place) because of its absurdity.

Let me relate the details: one night that autumn, while driving in the country, he was stopped by something on the road. He stopped, got out of the car, saw — somewhat vaguely — what was then called a flying saucer (round, etc.) and, between him and the thing, a little being. He never gave me precise details for he considered that nothing in his adventure deserved investigation (because of its absurdity). The little being approached and addressed the witness, in a queer "artificial" or monotonous voice, repeating two sentences a number of times. Those two sentences were:—

"La vérité est refusée aux constipés," and *"Ce que vous appelez cancer vient des dents."*

Even in French the first sentence is more than ambiguous. *"Constipé"* means, of course, "Constipated," but it also means "stiff" or "ill at ease". In the second sense it can be understood somewhat humourosly. But *"refusée" par qui?* does it mean that people with stiff characters are unlikely to find or grasp truth? (What truth?). One can imagine many other interpretations. As for the second sentence, there are also many other possible meanings, for example *"vient des dents"* ("comes from the teeth") can mean "through what you eat" (your diet), or "your manner of eating" and so on.

Remember that in the autumn of 1954 all such strange things were *new* — by that I mean CE3 and 4. An ordinary person in 1954 could not grasp the idea that another world, whatever that can be, was mounting a scenario, of "fantasmagory," as huge as that wave, merely in order to deliver such follies and platitudes.

Years later, while still reflecting on that, and other cases, I tried to renew contact with the witness. Alas he was dead. However a friend of his answered me (I think he is still alive) and so is the unique confident of the witness (apart from me). The friend told me that he asked the witness on his death bed what was the truth of the story. The dying man confirmed the whole story . . . and died asking himself what the devil it could all mean.

Personally, I believe the story is "true". But *Quid est veritas?* as Pontius Pilate said. Voltaire remarked that ". . . he went out without waiting for an answer, so that human kind were left in ignorance of the truth."

Yours sincerely,
Aimé Michel,
Alpes de Haute Provence,
France.
21 April, 1981

Genesis: Miss Randles please note

Sir, — Any book published is going to receive both positive and negative reviews, and while all authors worth their salt should enjoy the former and keep quiet about the latter, no author should take lying down the sort of distortions purveyed by Jenny Randles in her review of my novel *Genesis* in the November issue of FSR. The following corrections are therefore to be noted:

It is suggested that the author never explains who his two leading characters are working for. In fact, in the very first chapter (page 16), it is made clear that they are working for a civilian organisation called the Aerial Phenomena Investigations Instiitute, based in Washington, D.C. The work of that institute, obviously based on NICAP, is discussed by both characters in the same chapter. I apologise for not discussing their income (another complaint by Jenny), but I can't imagine many readers being interested.

It is also claimed that my two scientists, who do not work for the government, "stroll in and out of military bases with a freedom that is rediculous to say the least." To say the least, my scientists pay calls to only two such establishments throughout the course of the novel: one to Winslow Air Base, Arizona, and the other to NASA. Regarding the former, Winslow is not a secret establishment and it would be perfectly easy for a journalist or scientist to obtain the sort of pass used by my character; regarding the latter, rather than have my characters "stroll in and out . . . with a freedom that is ridiculous", I clearly show them being *refused* entry to NASA.

Jenny describes the younger of my two scientists as someone who "wallows in strong drink or drugs." In fact, that particular character, Stanford, has two major confrontations in the book — one with an alcoholic and one with a drug addict — but during neither scene does Stanford either "wallow" in drink or take drugs; and nowhere in the 612 pages of *Genesis* is it even remotely suggested that he has ever indulged in such delicious vices.

According to Jenny, the reader is "forced to assume" that young Stanford's admittedly violent methods of interrogation (on only two occasions, I might add) is "standard for both him and other associates of his." In fact, Stanford's only other associate is clearly shown to be a kind and gentle old man who treats everyone with unfailing decency. As for Stanford, contrary to the monster suggested by the unduly sensitive Ms Randles, he is drawn as an obviously intelligent, amiable but uncommited young man whose two outbursts of violence in the latter half of the book are borne of increasing frustration, fear and desperation — a not abnormal reaction under the circumstances described in the novel.

Jenny suggests that one of the characters dies of a heart attack because of a beating received by Stanford. This is simply not true. The character in question is actually murdered by someone else.

Jenny claims that Stanford "resorts to rape to elicit the truth from one unfortunate." This, also, is untrue. The

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girl is obviously willing and Stanford uses no force; it's a mutual seduction by two people who hardly know what they're doing.

Finally, Jenny seems particularly offended that I should recommend FSR as "mandatory reading" but with a "selective eye." To that I can only reply that no higher praise than "mandatory reading" can be applied to any publication; and that judging by your own admirably democratic and therefore argumentative letter columns, a "selective eye" is frequently utilised by your most faithful readers.

Any reviewer is entitled to dislike a book; no reviewer should be allowed to distort the contents of that book.

Otherwise, I thank you for the review — and I shall, of course, continue to read FSR.

Yours in hopes of democratic treatment,
W. A. Harbinson,
44 Rosebery Road,
Muswell Hill,
London N10 2LJ
March 31, 1981

PS: The novel doesn't conjure up a nighmarish picture of Ufology; it conjures up a nightmarish picture of the possible abuse of current technology: the Ufologists are not accused; the scientists are . . . So!

What do the "top brass" believe?

Sir, — A really splendid feature by Desmond Leslie on Mountbatten.

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Yet, in your same issue in Part 2 of the 'Imjärvi Skiers', we come across the following statement: 'The humanoids are highly educated and their development is 5,000 to 7,000 years ahead of ours. . .! In this context I suggest your readers take a close look at *The Janos People*, by Frank Johnson, and not write off this remarkable book as pure fantasy, as some have already done.

Yours faithfully,
Neville Armstrong
Neville Spearman Ltd,
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Friars Street,
Sudbury, Suffolk.
5 March, 1981

Another mini-UFO?

Dear Sir, — I would like to report a possible UFO sighting that I made on 2nd May, 1981. I was flying in a glider approximately 1 or 2 miles south west of Lasham airfield in Hampshire, my height was 2,500 feet above ground level, or 3,100 feet above sea level. At about 3.15 p.m., BST, a silver coloured object approached me from the north.

When I first saw it, the object was slightly below me and looked like a car hub cap. When it had passed me I thought it was probably a balloon, but as this did not tie up with my first impression of a hub cap, I decided to follow it and make sure it was a balloon.

As I approached the object it started to turn to my right and I turned with it. It was now about the same height as my glider, and viewed side on looked about the same shape and size as a Rugby ball. Having done one turn in a clockwise direction, the object then moved to the south and was soon lost to view because of its colour and size.

The wind direction was north east, as far as I know, so the object could have been a balloon, the unusual thing being that it turned round me when I followed it.

Would you please let me know if you have had any sightings of similar sized objects, or can suggest what it might have been?

Yours faithfully,
R. Whittaker,
8 Hamilton Road,
Church Crookham,
Aldershot, Hants.
GU13 OAS.
7 May, 1981

[Omar Fowler reported a mini-disc observed near Blackbushe airfield by a flying instructor and his pupil — an army officer — in 1979 (see FSR Vol. 26, No. 1, 1980) — EDITOR*]*

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